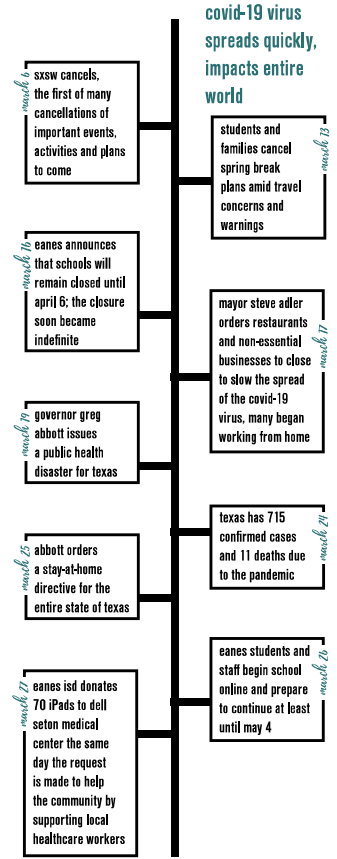


how it went



covid-19 virus spreads quickly, impacts entire world

students and families cancel spring break plans amid travel concerns and warnings

mayor steve adler orders restaurants and non-essential businesses to close to slow the spread of the covid-19 virus, many began working from home

texas has 715 confirmed cases and 11 deaths due to the pandemic

eanes students and staff begin school online and prepare to continue at least until may 4

coming to terms

social distancing - measures that reduce contact between large groups of people
quarantine - a strict isolation imposed to prevent the spread of disease
isolation - complete separation from others of a person suffering from contagious or infectious disease

coronavirus - any variation of rna-containing spherical viruses of the family coronaviridae
covid-19 - highly infectious respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus
flatten the curve - slowing the spread of an epidemic disease so that the capacity of the healthcare system doesn't become overwhelmed

definitions from dictionary.com

"I have time to eat breakfast in the mornings and actually get to take my dog on walks," Edith Holzma, 11

"I'm super upset about this, but I'm trying to make the best out of it with FaceTime with friends."
 bridget bryant, 12

"I wasn't ready to say goodbye to Westlake yet, so I'm pretty sad that it might be over."
 annabelle borm, 10

"I really sad that the last time we'll all be together and our fun senior traditions are impacted by something out of our control, even though I know staying inside and away is for the best."
 nikita kakkad, 12

"I Zoom with my friends after [online] school, and we try to all do one thing at the same time, like makeup or bullet journaling."
 catherine carradine, 12

"We all have to stay inside. I now eat breakfast really late in the morning and go on multiple walks or runs. I also really look forward to driving to the grocery store to get food and random stuff."
 ryan cannatti, 10

"I wouldn't be sad about school being cancelled if I was still allowed to see friends. It would be like summer. But because we're stuck at home it's definitely a lot worse."
 riley hallead, 12

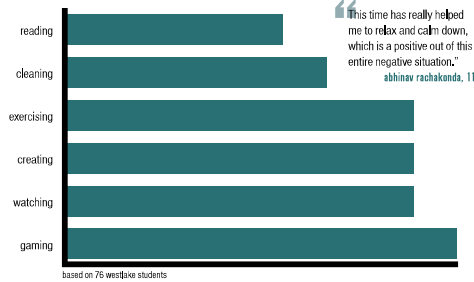
"The coronavirus has extremely changed my life. Instead of waking up at 4 a.m. for track, I wake up at 3 p.m. Corona has taken away sports that helped me stay active and in shape."
 dani neil, 9

"I was looking forward to so many events in the spring, like college visits, senior ditch day and especially graduation. It's terrible knowing all of these things, and more, are in jeopardy, and there's nothing we can really do about it except to stay home. I also wish I could've been able to formally say goodbye to a lot of my friends, since we're going to college in different states."
 sarah wei, 12

"As the mom of a senior, I can see it being a little deflating. All the things that seniors have worked so hard for vanished right in front of them. I know Mr. Ramsey and the administration will do the right thing for this group. They are one of the highest achieving and most amazing groups I've ever taught."
 nadine herbst, faculty

"I went from being able to see my classmates and friends every day to not seeing them for weeks. I play a spring sport, and my season has a chance of being cancelled. My sister moved back home from Clemson and is missing half of her freshman year of college. This whole situation is definitely changing our normal routine; however, it's definitely helping our family relationships grow stronger, and I think some good can come out of this."
 annika saidleman, 11

catch us inside



look for the helpers

"I came up with the idea [to create face shield components] using my 3D printer after seeing it online. So far we have delivered 13, and I have plans to deliver around 50 to Westlake Medical Center, Austin Pets Alive and Belmont Village Senior Living. It has been a very rewarding experience for me, and I really enjoy helping out the community."
 hunter stibb, 11

coronavirus affects community

troubleshoot technology issues.
 "Having online classes for four hours per day and four days per week has been a pleasant change of pace," senior Ashton Cole said. "However, it also means that we'll miss out on so much." Across the state, ULI academic and sports events were postponed, modified or suspended, and plans remained in limbo as officials followed Governor Greg Abbott's executive order, which directed residents throughout Texas to stay at home. Students felt as though their lives were put on hold.

Seniors felt the loss perhaps more than others.
 "When we were on the bus to our Robotics tournament in Amarillo and got the message that the rest of the season was cancelled, my heart dropped, but I was still so glad for the experiences and friends I gained this year," junior Katie Denton said.

My dance competitions being cancelled devastated me.
 "Dance is one of the most important things in my life. Latin State was also cancelled, which was awful. The choir trip was cancelled; my last chance to make wonderful memories with people who filled and inspired me."

Teens missed their friends and worried about what might happen tomorrow.
 However, despite the scary situation, many students found the positives. People explored their interests, connected with friends virtually and enjoyed the slower pace and more family time.

"Prior to quarantine my family was really busy; there was rarely a moment where all five of us were in the house."
 junior Audrey Langan said. "Though this situation is tricky, having dinner with my family every night, watching movies, and going on hikes has brought so much good into the situation."

frontline heroes

"I have a different perspective on the pandemic because my mom is a nurse practitioner in the ER. She changed her entire process of arriving to and leaving work. She goes in wearing her own clothes and changes into hospital scrubs. When her shift is over, she changes back into her own clothes and then immediately showers at home to reduce the risk of exposing our family. She doesn't bring anything extra in or from work and wears extreme amounts of protective gear. My whole family is at a higher risk for the virus because of my mom's job, but I am incredibly proud of her and the work she does every day. She saves lives and I admire her for it."
 karina kumar, 11

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