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WPIAL Realignment

What Does That Look Like for Frazier?

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Football schedules will be released by the first week of February. Those schedules will include non-conference opponents hand picked by the WPIAL rather than assigned at random, another decision made to reduce travel.

WPIAL playoff brackets and the number of postseason qualifiers in each classification won't be decided until after the PIAA reveals updated state playoff brackets.

Class 2A (27 teams) SECTION 1 Apollo-Ridge Ligonier Valley Serra Catholic Shady Side Academy Steel Valley Summit Academy	SECTION 2 Beaver Falls Ellwood City Freedom Laurel Mohawk Neshannock New Brighton Riverside
SECTION 3 Beth-Center Chartiers-Houston Charleroi Frazier McGuffey Washington Waynesburg	SECTION 4 Brentwood Carlynton Seton LaSalle South Side Sto-Rox Western Beaver

What do you think about the changes? Email comments to news@fraziersd.org and your comments may be included in the next issue of the Commodore Chronicle.

8th Grade Collaboration



Recently, eighth grade students completed jobs in a factory. They were assigned tasks to simulate working conditions during the Industrial Revolution. After a few minutes of working to complete a product for speed and accuracy, students were given a challenge.



Students were provided with a scenario where they were acting as young children who had physical challenges. This increased the difficulty of the task and decreased the accuracy.

Students from Mrs. Wildman's History class and Mr. Rafail's ELA class worked together and competed to see which team of workers were more productive. The collaborative sessions went quickly and students were anxious to move on to the next task.



Working with help from Mrs. Kloock and Mrs. Moffatt, the classes used knowledge learned from the History class to recreate young workers during the Industrial Revolution. Students wrote in journals to record the experiences as child workers with disabilities. The entire experience was a culmination for the History unit and introduction to the novel unit in English class.

SPORTS

**Congratulations Sierra!!!
1000 career points!**



Congratulations!!!

Thayne Lawrence

Runner up PIAA Tournament

**Excellent career
accomplishments**



FAFSA Information

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships#types>

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships#how-find>

Finding and applying for student aid can be confusing. Visit the FAFSA website for general information. The two links above are for specific information about applying for scholarships and the different types of scholarships available.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>



As the year begins to wind down and high school graduation starts to appear within your vision, it's easy to lose sight of the college admissions process within all of the excitement of what's ahead. That is completely understandable; there is a lot going on – and a lot to be excited about!

Seniors, you're almost to the finish line, but still have some tasks to finish up before the school year – and your high school career - is over.

Here's what you should focus on throughout the month of March:

Start Making College Decisions

You can't make all of your final college decisions until all of your admissions responses have arrived from colleges, but you can start mapping out the different scenarios so that you're prepared for whatever decisions may arrive. Be prepared no matter what responses may come and start narrowing down college decisions as they arrive in the mail.

Verify Financial Aid

Before you make any finalized college budget decisions, make sure to verify your financial aid. You don't want to count on any financial aid that isn't actually available to you!

Send Your Final Transcripts to Colleges

Ensure your final transcripts are sent to colleges via your advisor or school counselor. Double check that your transcripts have been sent to the correct schools and will meet each school's housing deadline.

Prep for Finals and/or AP Exams

Your senior year grades will have an impact on your college admissions decisions. Assuming you are already admitted into a particular school, your grades will impact whether or not you're going to remain admitted. Additionally, if your grades continually improve so that colleges you're waitlisted for may reconsider.

Apply for Scholarships

As always, you should continue to apply for scholarships. College isn't cheap and you can always use extra money to pay for school! Make sure to continually apply to scholarships you match to and don't get discouraged if you don't win. Applying is ultimately a numbers game and the more scholarships you apply for, the better your chances are of winning. So apply early and apply often!



Bye Bye Birdie



Spring Musical

The cast of the musical is very thankful that we were able to present our musical this year. We had a few

issues initially with getting the materials and thought we may have to postpone our shows for a few weeks. Thankfully everything arrived in time and the show was a great success. The entire cast and crew send well wishes to those schools who were not able to perform this year. During this unique time, all live performances have been postponed. We are looking forward continuing next year with a new appreciation for LIVE entertainment.

A special thanks to the Frazier Art Club for helping make our trip back to the Golden Age of TV a memorable one. We are looking forward to working together to bring more fun to the Frazier stage.

BYE BYE BIRDIE PLOT: When the draft selects rock star Conrad Birdie, his fans are devastated, but none more than struggling songwriter Albert Peterson, whose song Birdie was just about to record. Albert's longtime girlfriend, Rosie, pushes Albert to write a new tune that Birdie will perform on television to a fan selected in a contest. The scheme works, with young Ohio teenager Kim McAfee declared the winner, but no one has counted on the jealous wrath of her boyfriend. See how Albert's "smother" almost ruins the plans for Al and Rose. Kim's parents are wondering what their daughter may be up to when all of the kids in town follow Conrad out to party. Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets because you've "Got A-Lot of Livin'" to doooooooooo.

Are You Ready for PROM?

Friday, June 19

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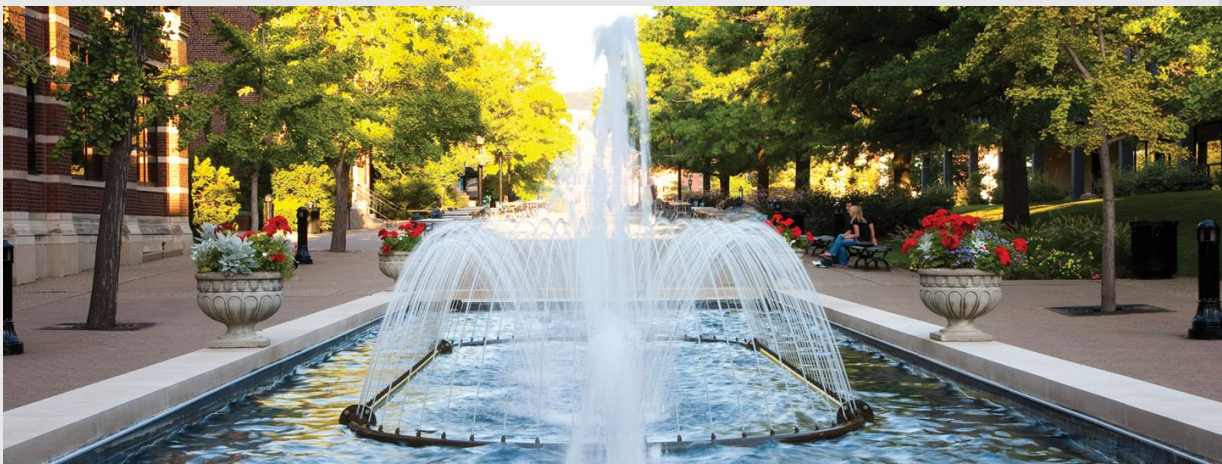
We are hoping CDC and State restrictions will permit the event, but this is NOT guaranteed. More information to come.

“She warned him not to be deceived by appearances, for beauty is found within.”





Spiritus est qui vivificat



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Prospective undergraduate students may apply to Duquesne University directly through our application, or through Common App.

Step 2 - Access your applicant portal:

After you submit your application, you will have access to your applicant portal where you'll find a checklist of additional materials that may be required. (Please note that students who apply through Common App will not have access to their applicant portal until mid-to-late August. You'll receive an email from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions when you're able to log in to your portal.)

This checklist may include transcripts, letters of recommendation and standardized test scores (or learn more about test optional admission for Business, Liberal Arts, Music and select Health Science programs).

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Questions?

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What have our students been up to in quarantine?

Some juniors submitted short essays to Ms. Lindey explaining his or her experiences during this different and unique time. See how your experiences compare. Email news@fraziersd.org if you have a submission you would like to see in the next issue.

During these hard times in our world many things are changing sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worst. I am enjoying this time off of school but I also miss parts of it. I miss the interactions with my friends and having a schedule to follow, and I even miss some of my teachers. I have been taking this time to do productive things too like cleaning my room, redecorating it, exercising, and eating better. I have learned many things about myself including how much I love being outside and nature. Also how I can be productive especially when I have a free schedule. I have been trying new things while in quarantine to pass the time. I have been practicing skateboarding and tried dirt bike riding for the first time and it actually went really good. I have been doing fun things to pass the time like dancing, jumping on the trampoline and playing basketball. During this time it is a good idea to experiment with new things and try to have fun. This time has been a roller coaster of emotions. It is very difficult to just go to not see everyone you have been seeing to just your family all day. It is for the best and it will not last forever so i'm just trying to have fun and enjoy the time off.

Karissa Attanucci

This has been an unforgettable experience for everyone that has been affected by this virus. While it has had a negative impact on almost all of our lives, this whole pandemic opened up all of our eyes to see the true character behind people. Stripping away all of the parties and popularity, it shows who everyone truly is. It shows you the selfish people that only care about themselves, who are still living their lives as if nothing is wrong. It shows you the ones who care more about others than themselves, helping out friends, family, and neighbors in need. And the most important of all, it shows you how much you need your family in times like this. While it can be hard to spend 24 hours, 7 days a week locked up with your entire family, think about the last time that you actually had quality time with them. The last time your parents weren't at work everyday of the week, or the last time your siblings were home from college for this long. Instead of looking at the negative side of this entire thing, which I know can be very easy to do, we should focus more on the positives in order to get through it. All of the stories that you've been waiting to tell you sister, the projects that you've been waiting for your dad to help you finish, or the show you and your mom have been waiting to watch. While it is sad that this is what it took to bring families back together, take advantage of it, because you never know how long you have with the people you love.

Lauren Bilski

In my first few days of quarantine I thought to myself ,as any kid who got out of school would feel, Wow! This is great we're getting an extended Easter break. Little did I and the rest of the world know that in reality my life and everyone else's were about to take a turn for the worse. The first two weeks were just me and my family at home finishing up some school work and reading some books thinking it will be over next week and life will go back to normal cause nothing bad could happen. I mean yeah sure we've all heard of the wars and sicknesses that have taken place in the past but it was the past and I was naive enough to believe that it could never possibly happen to me, to us not now in our day of modern technology. However now this that the outbreak is still going on and affecting so many I believe it is safe to say that this is one of the scariest things some of us are ever going to live through, but while sitting at home I can't help but worry about not only myself and my future but my families and everyone else. As always the good comes along with the bad, many people are trying to help hospital workers ,like my sister, who are risking their lives helping others so they began making them masks and supporting these workers throughout this whole outbreak. Another one of the things I have been noticing and that I have found

rather uplifting is all the animals throughout the world have been seen roaming around the streets once overflowing with people and essentially taking back their cities. Such as the dolphins spotted in the clear canal waters of Venice leaving a big question for people once this pandemic is over are we going to step up and stop thinking that nothing can happen here or are we going to start taking our life and the lives of other people and things a lot more seriously. It has only been a few weeks and the ecosystem is already looking better so obviously we're doing something wrong. This leads to my main thoughts during this crisis, humans are really going to be the end of themselves and although this may sound morbid to many due to what we are going through right now I believe it needs to be said because it is the truth. The animals are thriving, the waters are starting to clear up, and over all this Coronavirus could have been slowed and better controlled if humans would have stayed away from one another when asked to help put this virus to rest. People need to stop thinking of themselves and start thinking about others and other things in life.

Jordan Brundege

During this pandemic, I have had more time to myself then I think I ever have. I normally try to keep myself very busy. I have 2 jobs, I go to the gym about 6 days a week, and I spend a lot of time with my friends on top of keeping up with school. Staying home all day for such a long period of time is a huge change for me. I really miss being on the go every day and having a full schedule. I miss being able to see my friends at school, my co-workers, my family, and my boyfriend. I have still been trying to keep in touch with everyone via text and facetime. This has taught me not to take the little things for granted. The little visits to my grandparents, going shopping with friends, going out to eat with my boyfriend, and more. I'll appreciate not having to go to work wearing a mask and gloves to protect myself from every person I come in contact with. I will appreciate the day I finally get to meet my new cousin, who was born just last week. And I will especially appreciate being able to leave my home without being scared. I think that on the brighter side of this terrible time, many people will have a new outlook on life and spend more time with the people they love, because they will remember this time where they could not.

Angela Ciliberti

During this CoronaVirus pandemic, also known as COVID-19, I have learned a various amount of things. COVID-19 has shown me that in what seems like overnight my world can change. I went from being a normal highschool Junior who loved hanging out with friends, studying and getting ready for softball season, to worrying about the health of my family and friends. As much as I wanted to take a break from school, this is not how I wanted it to happen. After being at home, there is nothing more I want than to be in school with my friends. Overall this experience has taught me to not take anything for granted and appreciate every little thing. I think the things I have missed the most are my friends and softball. Everyday when we had school, I would see my friends and interact with them. Now my only sort of interaction is through a screen. I play softball 365 days a year, with very little breaks just to make sure I'm ready for highschool season and then for travel ball in the summer. But now with COVID-19 crashing in, it has caused our seasons to be held onto by a thread. Even though I miss my friends and softball very much, I know that the most important thing right now is to make sure my friends and family stay healthy. This quarantine is the best thing for right now and is to only protect the health of people until this can all finally go away.

Rylee Evans

During the coronavirus I have not done much. I am so used to going to school everyday, but since this crisis started I am not really allowed to leave the house. Since I live with my grandparents I try to be more careful about this, so I am either at home or at my girlfriends house. I keep my contact with my friends to a very small minimum. I feel the virus shouldn't be taken lightly so we can get this quarantine over with. This time hasn't taught me very much besides life is kinda boring when you can't go outside or go to school every day. I have probably missed weightlifting at school the most since all of this has started. To keep busy, I have just been doing my normal after school activities that I would normally do. These activities include football drills, fortnite, and riding dirtbikes. I do all of this alone, so it does get old. This quarantine needs to be over soon, so we can get back to our normal lives.

Kenny Fine

During this long period of quarantine, I have learned a lot about myself. First off, I learned how much I hate not being able to leave my house and be able to go outside or be with friends. Also, I have learned how slow my wifi actually is when I need it the most to do school work. Next, I found out that I missed being able to be with friends and playing basketball with them outside or just hanging out with them. During this time I have kept myself busy by catching up on sleep and just being on my phone and finishing up work I had due from the 3rd nine weeks.

Matthew Kordich

While living amongst the Coronavirus pandemic, I have learned to cherish my time and to stop taking things for granted. As a teenager, I find it easier to overlook most of the important things in my life, such as school, sports, and friends. Without those such things, my life is so tedious and boring. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, my daily life and routine has changed greatly. My school is closed, my travel volleyball season is cancelled, and I am no longer to see my friends or the rest of my family members. I now have to do all of my school work online, which I really don't like. While spending my days at home, I've learned a lot of life skills. I've spent more time cooking and baking, as well as playing checkers and uno. Overall, this changed routine has taught me to cherish my time at school and as a teen. Yeah, waking up at six in the morning sucks, but it is definitely for the better.

Alexis Lovis

Throughout the last couple of weeks I have been stuck at home with my family. I have learned many things about myself and my other family members. At the beginning I was happy because I knew that I needed a break from school, but after a couple of days the boredom took over. I didn't know what to do with my time. I started by cleaning out my room and getting rid of many things, and then I turned to organizing every cabinet in my house. That took up some time, but soon enough I was bored again. Before quarantine I did not have a lot of time for myself to do the things that I wanted to do or get done. Between basketball, work, and school I did not have very much free time. With this new found time it felt very weird. I was not used to not having a place to be or something to get done. I noticed that it was hard to relax for this reason. I realized that I had taken for granted how much school brings to me and all of the time that it took up. The hardest part about this experience is not being able to see my friends. During the summer we are together almost everyday and without school it has been hard. We have been facetimeing every night, but it is not the same. My sister and I never really used to get along when we were together. She plays volleyball and on the weekends she was always with her friends so we did not see each other very often. When we were both home it was hard to stop fighting and to find things that we can do together. During this time we have become close and are better at bringing an end to our fights. We have found things to do together and I think that it has brought us closer. For this reason, I think that the quarantine has been a good thing for us. Without it I'm not sure if we would have ever fixed our relationship. This is what the crisis has done for me and what I have learned during this time.

Janelle Matty

During this period of the coronavirus, I'd say it has been sort of refreshing, but also depressing in a way. I felt as if I needed a break from school and to focus on my work more. Online school has allowed me to take the time that I need to understand some of my classes more. I felt quite stressed for about 2 weeks before this event occurred. Although, the social distancing part has been hard. Being coped up in your house everyday is not something anybody enjoys I feel. The things I have been doing to keep me busy are mainly workouts I can do at home, walking outside, and baking (which I hate). I miss all of my friends and the ability to go out and do things whenever. This isolation has shown me that maybe we have to start taking things into precaution before it gets here. We knew what was going on before it arrived in the U.S. but we didn't have any safety precautions to avoid COVID-19 spreading. I just feel our nation will change drastically with how we handle things once this whole situation is over.

McKenzie Miller

For some people this break may be the worst thing that's ever happened to them but for me this break is a blessing. The circumstances are horrible unfortunately but I've done a lot during this time. I've used my time to clean around the house as well as finally finish a long running tv series I've been watching for months. It's sad to say that ever since this break my mental health has improved drastically. I no longer have to walk through school and feel nervous about every single thing I do. On top of that I'm not burdened by tons of schoolwork. Before this

break my stress was through the roof and I couldn't go a day without worrying about my next due assignment. This online work is a lot easier for me and a lot less nerve wracking, I just wish this break was under better circumstances.

Zoe Von Bergen

This has been a huge lesson for me, and the lesson is to make sure I no longer take the "normal" aspects of life for granted, because they can obviously be taken away in a very short time. I miss being able to look forward to a spring concert, prom, graduation band, and my dance recital, because I know those events are going to be cancelled or postponed at best. I miss being able to go to the grocery store, and not see the vast majority of people clad in masks and gloves, wiping or mopping everything in sight. I miss going to the post office and talking to the woman behind the counter without a thick layer of clear plastic between us, secured by chains in the ceiling. I miss being able to tell my grandmother I would drive out to see her, instead of texting her that I miss her, but that I don't want to put her at risk, "just in case." I miss going to work and interacting with my dark-humoured coworkers(I miss the paycheck, too, but that's beside the point). I miss almost everything about life as we had known it before it rapidly got turned upside down by the virus.

Allison Cramer

Throughout this self isolation period, I have realized how much I hate being alone with my thoughts. Keeping a regular schedule and staying busy helps me to ignore anxious thoughts. With this new schedule thrown at me, or lack thereof, it is extremely hard to stay productive and happy. I realize now how much I take granted everything around me. Whether it be school, friends, or just late night drives to Wendy's. Which is quite sad honestly. Although I know I need my education and how lucky I am to be able to obtain one in this hard time. I can't help but stress to do it all. I know I would be doing more work in regular school, but it doesn't bother me then. When I put the pressure on myself to get this work done it is much more difficult. Maybe I just have to work on discipline in my life a lot more. I never realized how much I rely on my friends to stay happy. In a way I see that as a positive, but I should be able to stand on my own. Come to find out that is very difficult. I miss all of them so much. I know this is super sloppy and not great writing, but I just wanted to throw some thoughts down and not really edit them, almost like a diary. Thanks

Payton Domonkos

Over the course of this long break, I have learned more than I thought I did. I have been so unmotivated to do anything, and without school I haven't done much at all. When school was in I hated having to wake up and go. Without school though I feel even worse than I did before. I miss my friends, my teachers, and just being out of my house in general. I have learned I am more lazy than I thought I was. I've occupied my time with organizing, cleaning, and watching new shows or movies. As much as I hate a schedule, it helps me to accomplish things and get work done. Most importantly I've learned some things I don't miss at all. I've just been accustomed to going through a routine schedule and always being a part of my life. I enjoy the time with my family, and my alone time as well. Some things/people I miss and it's very upsetting I'm missing out on all of this stuff. To stay positive I am looking at it as a learning experience. I understand that this quarantine is not only for my safety, but the safety of others who are at higher risks than me.

Claire Giovannelli

During the course of our social distancing, I haven't really sat down and thought much about myself to learn anything new, but I've had a pretty easy experience with the staying home aspect. During this break I've just been busying myself with reading novels I didn't have the time to read beforehand and catching up on my art skills, along with spending time with my family. Along the lines of school, I do miss interacting with my friends and the teachers I have this semester as well because of some work struggles this week. Overall, this break has been easy to manage and me, along with my family, are staying healthy and safe.

Alexandria Hufford

Boredom. That's what this whole quarantine experience has been. I have never missed school as much as now. Not for the work or learning per se, but for being able to see friends everyday, being able to go out and do things, and generally having a sense of normalcy. Now the only way I can contact friends is through social media or

texting/calling which just isn't the same. Everyday has been pretty much the same set of things of trying to keep myself busy. This is pretty much reading, listening to music, gaming, watching youtube, or doing outside activities such as golfing or biking weather permitting. I must say, this is the only time I have picked up a book and read it the whole way through outside of school from actually wanting to read it as something to do.

Samuel Leonard

During this whole experience I have had a lot of time to sit and wonder when this whole thing will be over. I have a hard time sitting still. I am ready to go back to my normal routine. I had a hard time adjusting to this change, but as time goes on I feel less bored, because this is part of my daily routine now. I get up, shower, do my makeup, and do my school work. Trust me I know, it is quite exciting. I have been keeping busy by trying new makeup looks, baking, and painting. Something I have learned about myself is that I am a very busy person that likes to go places. Not being able to do that is driving me crazy. **Lastly, the thing I have missed the most is my lovely teacher, Ms. Lindey.**

Lauren Leone

Over the past few weeks, our world as we used to know has had a huge change. Schools closing, sports cancelled, people becoming unemployed, these things affect our everyday lives greatly. Everything felt like it was crashing down, some even think it's the end of the world, and others don't really think much about it. Aside from everyone else, personally this pandemic has greatly affected my everyday life. I was laid off from my job, no school, and I can't leave my house to see friends or family. Within these few given weeks there hasn't been anything too serious though which I am thankful for. I have done chores around the house, lots of cleaning, and of course watching Netflix. After a while, these things started to get boring to the point where I was ready to get back into school. I knew starting online school would be a struggle but it would at least give me something else to do while I am stuck in my house. I really miss being able to see my friends and my boyfriend of course. I feel like this pandemic has greatly affected my mood also. Not being able to see my friends everyday makes me realise that they made my days much happier. Without that, I have become annoyed and irritated with most things. Based off of social media, it seems like I am not the only one though. It seems like everyone feels like they are going crazy while being stuck in their house. One thing I will say is I have definitely become closer to my family. Seeing them everyday and being around them has made us grow much closer than before. This pandemic has brought good but mostly bad things to my life but at least I can become Tiktok famous now.

Maria Moon

Looking back on it, my experience during these trying times hasn't been too bad. I got to have a break from the stress of school, and I was able to spend more time interacting with friends. Although, I do miss the regular routine of my day due to school, and my sleep schedule is struggling because of it. Furthermore, I wasn't able to play baseball this year which sucks, but I'm not too worried because I still have my senior year. Even though there are things I miss, I recognize the importance of what the government is doing in trying to keep us safe, and the pandemic could be significantly worse had nothing been done. As for how I keep myself busy, I have been hanging out with my friends and using more hand sanitizer than I have used in my life. I've been fishing, having campfires, and sunbathing all while following the proper social distancing guidelines. I even went on an overnight hike on the Laurel Highlands Trail by Seven Springs. Although, when I am stuck inside, I spend my time watching tv shows, playing video games, remodeling a room in my house, and doing my school work online. On a side note, this transition to online hasn't been too bad, and I feel like things are going smoothly, well for me at least. In short, this has been a strange experience to say the least, but I think we'll have the hang of things down shortly. Before you know it, we'll (possibly) be entering the school again as seniors.

Aidan Shetterly

I remember on New Years Eve everyone, including myself, saying that 2020 will be our year. So far this year there was an Australian wildfire, the helicopter crash that killed Kobe, Gigi, and many others, and Covid-19. So much for 2020 being our year. Out of school, I am a competitive dancer and have been doing it for 5 years and a dancer for 13 years. When I found out that this year was cancelled for us, it broke my heart. Everyone at my studio has worked so hard and we only got to compete twice. I only had 2 more years left to dance with my studio and now that has pretty much been cut short. This also was my first year being a teacher/choreographer and now

I'm not able to do that. After school, dance was my place to let my stress go and have fun, now I'm stuck at home. I remember the last day we were at school, I was in my 1st period when I got a message from my mom saying that my band trip was cancelled. I was really upset because I didn't get to go last year, so I was really excited to go this year. Same as dance I only had 2 band trips left and now I only have 1. Every other year at my studio, we get the opportunity to go perform at Disney. This year we were supposed to go, and so far, it looks like that is gone too. This was going to be my last time dancing at Disney and now I don't get the opportunity. As far as school goes, I'm pretty upset about my junior year being cut short. I had a lot of friends in my classes and now I can't even see them. I was also voted class secretary and organize the prom. I am most likely not able to organize or even attend a prom. I bought a dress along with millions of other girls and we won't be able to wear them. This was going to be my first prom and it's probably not going to happen, and even if it happens later, I probably won't be able to go. I have dreamt about prom for years, and now I probably won't get one. To be honest, when I heard that we had 2 weeks off I was pretty happy because I know that a lot of people, including me, needed a mental break, but now we don't have the rest of the year. The only good thing to come out of this is the fact that I got to re-watch the entire Harry Potter series. Besides that, this year so far sucks.

I know how upset I am, but for the class of 2020, it's even worse. I at least have 1 more year left. As for my brother, this was it. His baseball season was cancelled and the rest of his senior year. He will most likely never get to go to prom, play another game of baseball, get a proper graduation, or even walk the halls one more time. These seniors have worked their entire lives to get that diploma and graduate. It's horrible to think that they most likely won't get a proper graduation. This was his last year playing baseball and I didn't even get to see him play. This entire situation hits the worst for the class of 2020. Overall, I have been doing ok during quarantine. Like I said earlier I got to re-watch Harry Potter and have many movie marathons in my room. I don't have to wake up at 6 in the morning and stress about school. But to be honest, I miss being stressed out at school. I miss being mentally exhausted at the end of the day. I miss going to dance and seeing everyone. I miss being backstage with everyone at competitions. I miss going out to the cheesecake factory at midnight after a long day at competition. I miss everything. If I only knew that it would be my last day at school, last day at dance, last time at a competition, last day doing anything. So much for 2020 being our year.

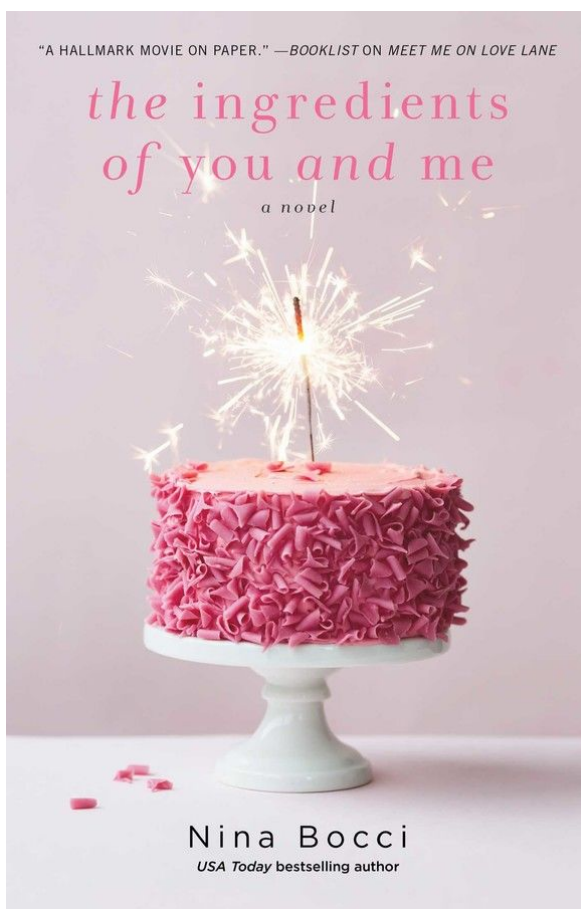
Jocelyn Stefancik

Throughout this whole quarantining ordeal I have learned numerous things about me though I will limit it to some of the more significant ones. Due to not coming into contact with basically anyone and staying inside my house(most of the time) I tend to not take care of myself all too well. Often becoming quite a mess physically,whether it be weight gain,hygiene,or quite cleanliness of my room. This quarantine has also led me to a few extremes such as my sleep schedule which is only down to 2 hours now as I desire to make the most of my freetime. Though I realize these choices and ideas are quite bad for myself ,yet I still do them for some reason.The things that I probably miss the most is social contact. While thanks to this quarantine I have had a reunion with an old friend of mine, I still feel a tad bit lonely not getting to bother people as I used to. Tad bit unfortunate if I say so myself. In terms of time occupation I have been super busy as of late. I've been branching quite a bit into foreign shows and have watched over 600 episodes and 23 movies(This level of bingeing isn't too bad ,but it could be more efficient). My interest in foreign culture doesn't stop there as I've just been going ham on foreign music as well. Japanese music is very addictive as well as Cantopop and Mandopop. The only artist I've gotten into during the quarantine is only King Gnu. In terms of gaming it's been just playing Minecraft on Hypixel,Animal Crossing,and a few mobile apps. In terms of things I'm yet to start doing is mainly just Japanese lessons and maybe watch a few foreign football leagues. Besides that I'm doing solid on my objectives.

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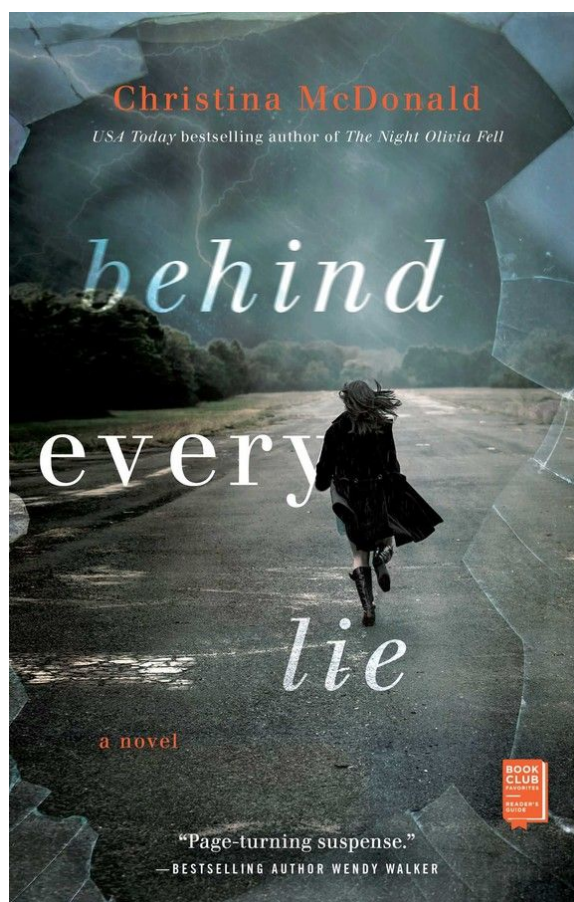
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Check out these new books!



The Ingredients of You and Me

by Nina Bocci



Behind Every Lie

by Christina McDonald

Saimah's Pick #2:

I recently finished Christina McDonald's debut thriller, *The Night Olivia Fell* and loved it. Now I can't wait to read this author's new twisty mystery. Eva Hanson wakes up in the hospital to find out that her mother, Kat, has been murdered. Eva was struck by lightning

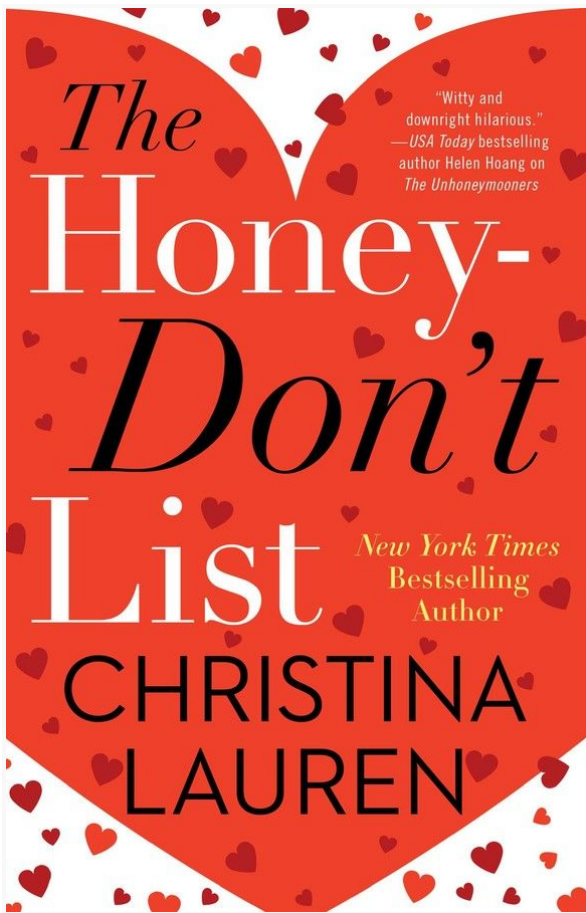
Molly's Pick #1:

One book I am really looking forward to reading this spring is the newest in Nina Bocci's Hopeless Romantics series. Like the first two (***On the Corner of Love and Hate*** and ***Meet Me on Love Lane***), ***The Ingredients of You and Me*** takes place in the vibrant, energetic (and, sadly, fictional) small town of Hope Lake, PA. This time the focus is on Parker Adams. After selling her popular New York City bakery, Parker—successful, caring and a bit of a firecracker—decides to visit her best friend Charlotte in Hope Lake and feels invigorated by the town and community. The only complication is being so close to her former flame, the lovable Nick Arthur, who has recently moved on to a new relationship. Knowing Nina Bocci's work, this is sure to be a sweet, funny, romantic story, and I can't wait to dig in.

and can't remember what happened.

But when the police start considering her as a suspect, she knows she has to find out the truth. She heads to London to her mom's old home to find some answers and discovers that someone doesn't want her to get too close to the truth.

The story is told in alternating points of view, from Eva and Kat (both present and past). I can't wait to dive into this one and uncover the mysteries hidden within.



The Honey-Don't List

by Christina Lauren

Anne's Pick #2:

Is there any better sign that winter is waning than an upcoming new spring romance? If you've been tearing through Jasmine Guillory, I highly recommend trying Christina Lauren. This best-friends writing duo behind one of our favorite 2019 reads, *The Unhoneymooners*, is back in perfect form with ***The***



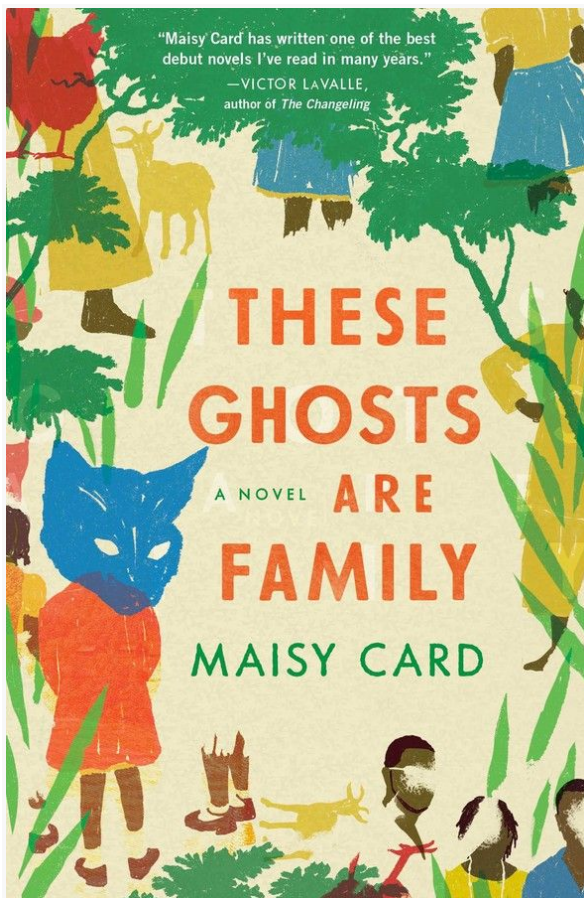
Things in Jars

by Jess Kidd

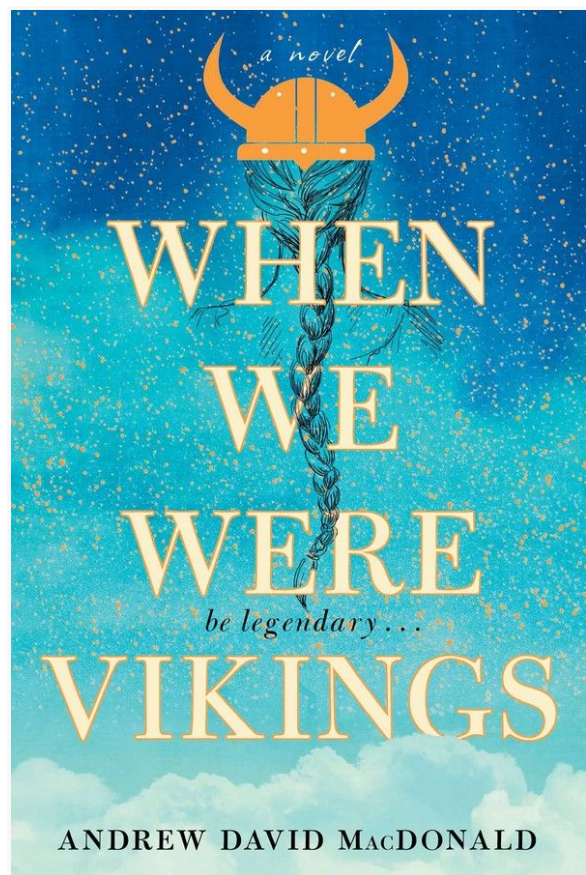
Heather's Pick #4:

A Gothic mystery about a female detective? You have my attention, ***Things in Jars***! Already being praised by author Erika Swyler as "a perfect mix of hilarity, the macabre, and a touch of romance," the book follows sleuth Bridie Devine in Victorian London as she

Honey-Don't List. Follow two young assistants who are desperate to keep their jobs despite the stresses of the work...which includes keeping their bosses' crumbling marriage together on their media stardom book tour. Think the Netflix movie *Set It Up* meets HGTV's *Fixer Upper* stars Chip and Joanna. Absolute perfection!



investigates the kidnapping of a girl rumored to have paranormal abilities. I've always enjoyed a good Sherlock Holmes tale, and seeing *Knives Out* only whet my appetite for brain-twisting plots and quirky characters, so Jess Kidd's next novel is officially on my To Be Read list this spring.



When We Were Vikings

These Ghosts Are Family

by Maisy Card

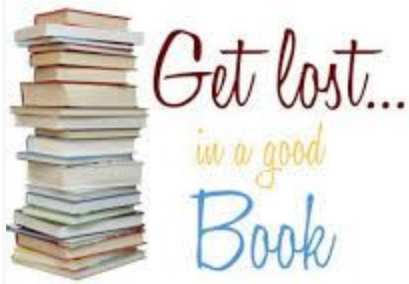
Nicole's Pick:

My parents are both from the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada, and though Maisy Card's ***These Ghosts Are Family*** is set in Jamaica, I can't help but get excited to read a story from the West Indies—a place so familiar to me. ***These Ghosts Are Family*** revolves around the consequences of Abel Paisley's decision to fake his own death and assume the identity of his best friend, Stanford Solomon. It tells the multigenerational story of a family dealing with trauma in the midst of tumultuous times in Jamaican and American history over the course of decades. My personal 2020 reading goal is to read more books by people of color, and I can't wait to read this one on my list.

by Andrew David MacDonald

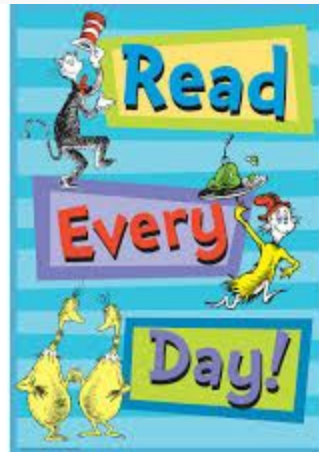
Erin's Pick:

I first read this book in manuscript form about a year ago, and I still remember exactly where I was when I finished it. I was on the train. I was rushing to get to the end of the book before my stop, and when I turned that last page, I couldn't help but say softly to myself (as to not get too many weird looks), "Wow." This book is extraordinary or, some might even say, legendary. The main character, Zelda, is a twenty-one-year-old Viking legends enthusiast who lives with her older brother, Gert. When Gert makes some questionable and possibly dangerous choices—getting caught up with drug dealers—Zelda, who lives with fetal alcohol syndrome, decides to launch her own quest to save her family. With an incredibly distinct voice, lovable yet flawed characters, and so many scenes that will make you laugh and cry, ***When***



Do you have a good book to recommend? Please email your choice and a brief summary to news@fraziersd.org and we will publish it in the next issue.

We Were Vikings needs to be one of your first reads of 2020.



Please stay safe and keep positive. The end of the year may have been different, but these experiences are unique and will only make use stronger.

~Commodore Chronicle Staff