

Scoring an Upset

After a regular season, the Spartans boys basketball team had an exciting upset over Central in the post-season. Going in, Davenport Central was greatly favored, but the Spartans were determined to progress to the next game by beating expectations. The team fought through four hard, close quarters that involved lots of foul trouble and injuries on both sides. After battling it out, the game ended with PV winning 59-47, followed by lots of celebration. Junior Jacob Townsend said, "It was our biggest win of the season. Most fun I've had all year."



On March 4-7, 21 PV students attended the American Choral Directors Association conference in Milwaukee, an event where the singers got to work with students from around the Midwest while attending workshops and performances. These students went through a selective audition process in order to get invited to the conference, having to send in recordings of them singing two songs and a few scales. The selected students enjoyed the conference; bass singer Ethan Kilcoin said that he "enjoy[ed] the community it brings and how cool choral music sounds." PV choir director Meg Byrne echoed his sentiment, saying that going to the conference was "a great honor."

Pitch Perfect 2

Trying out Tik Tok trends has become a very common way that students are passing the time during quarantine. Making whipped coffee, a type of drink that involves whipping up instant coffee and pouring it into milk, became intensely popular after many recipes for it have circulated widely around Tik Tok. Another popular trend has been bleaching and tie-dyeing shirts and other clothes to give the pieces new looks, with videos of these creations becoming very common on the For You Page.



5 Tik Tok Trends



8 The Next Chapter



With graduation being postponed indefinitely, many seniors were bummed that they didn't get to share their success and future plans with their peers. However, PV's class of 2020 found a way to make the most of the situation and created an Instagram page to celebrate their achievements. All a student had to do was submit a picture of them along with their future college and major, and their future plans would be featured on the page. Even in a tough time, there are still ways to celebrate...Congratulations Spartans!

Corona Creations 9



During Quarantine, PV students have gotten creative with their time and their art skills. It's been popular to decorate homes and businesses with colored hearts, but students have also taken their creativity into drawing, painting and decorating projects. Making collages by combining pictures and quotes has been an especially popular project for teenagers that has been spread far and wide around social media. Even students who previously wouldn't have referred to themselves as "artistic" have discovered new talents, passions, and hobbies to keep them busy and entertained during this time. As you can see, Spartans' creations have been quite impressive during this period away from daily life.



3 Mask Makers



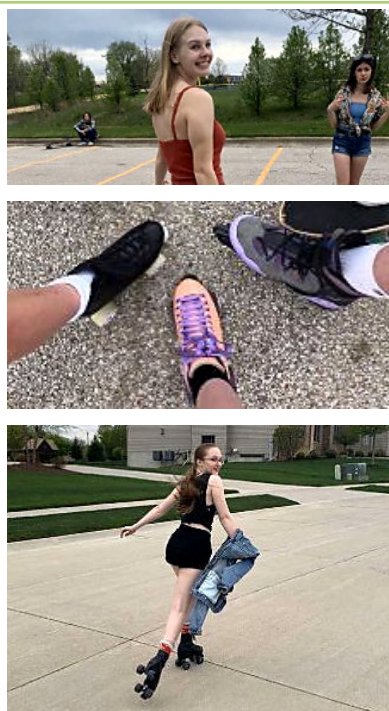
As Coronavirus advances, the nation has faced a widespread shortage of protective masks. Seeing this need, students at PV and across the country have headed to the sewing machines to make masks for themselves and for others. Senior Holyn Doran is one of these students, who has been helping her mother sew and distribute them. "We've been giving masks to our neighbors because much of our neighborhood is older people who are higher risk," she said. Sophomore Sidney Brockmann was another one of these PV mask-makers, saying, "I made masks because I wanted to protect not only people in my family but my community from the virus."

6 Hitting a High Note

In March, PV's jazz group "Leading Tones" was selected to perform at the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championship in Des Moines for the twelfth year in a row. The "Leading Tones" differ from other jazz groups in the fact that they are 'a cappella,' meaning that they don't utilize any instrumental accompaniment like most groups. Unfortunately, the championship was canceled due to Covid-19, but the group's qualification remains an impressive accomplishment.

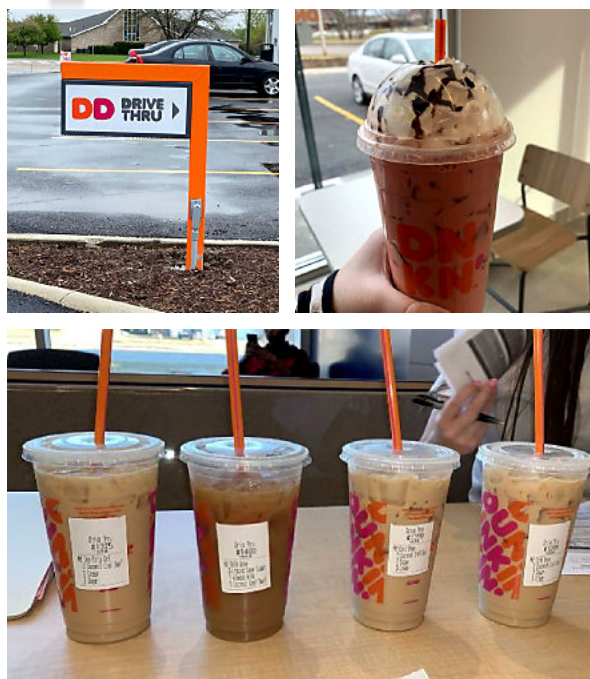


Rolling Around 10



When quarantine brought lots of extra time, junior Lola Johansson decided to take advantage of it. She got together a group of girls who loved to roller skate, and found a way for them to all enjoy this activity together. Johansson said the idea for this group came from a similar group of women in Los Angeles called the 'Moxie Girls.' "Pretty much they are all strong women with powerful legs who skate around and do tricks," she said. "I got my skates because I was inspired by them and I wanted to start my own group in Bettendorf." She says as she started to put the group together, it was easy to find girls who were interested in skating and many were happy to join. The group skates together in parks, parking lots, and neighborhoods, and also likes to learn tricks from time to time.

4 Dunkin' Addiction



Among the many caffeine suppliers surrounding the high school, one has become an ever-present favorite for many students this spring: Dunkin'. Following its opening on Middle Road earlier this year, its coffee, donuts, and unique specialties like Pink Velvet lattes have become a PV staple. Only a 2-minute drive from the school, Dunkin's drive through is always boasting large numbers of students, craving their caffeine both before and during quarantine.

Gold Medal Knowledge 7



Before the suspension of track season, three-time Olympic gold medalist Tianna Bartoletta came to talk to PV's track athletes. She hosted a workshop about nutrition, mental toughness, confidence, and teamwork, and athletes in attendance agreed that it was a very beneficial experience.

TOP 10

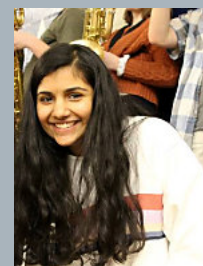
THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS OF... SPRING

CHASING DOWN THE DREAM

PV students dream big, knowing hard work and determination can get them anywhere. Here's how these Spartans are chasing their dreams.



Jesse Kovlosky '22
"I want to go to any good business school to become an agent in the entertainment field."



Niyati Kulkarni '22
"My future goal is to study at University of Washington and be a biomedical engineer."



Isaiah St. Claire '23
"My goal is to be successful and rich in my life."