

Reference

Most Mustangs look forward to attending and participating in PCM sports and activities. Fall started with a bang. We were able to enjoy our first homecoming on the new turf field and cheer on the marching band, colorguard and cheerleaders as well as our cross country and volleyball teams. We were able to celebrate a PCM alumni, Carson King, for his generous donation to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. The fall play, "The Election" was another exciting event that was perfect for a night out. Winter was no different as we sat in the stands while we supported wrestling and basketball. We were able to watch the dance team become state champions once again and listen to the beautiful sounds of the band and choir. Spring, on the other hand, caught us all by surprise. We were never able to return from our spring breaks due to the rapid spread of the Coronavirus. Therefore everything, including sports and all other activities were put on pause. Athletes were devastated to find out that we would not return to school and that all spring sports were cancelled. It was not until June 1 that baseball and softball could resume practice and begin games. We continue as Mustangs to remind one another that we are in this together and we will continue to strive for the things we love in life.

Striking up a Conversation

Dear Corona, - A letter from spring athletes

"Dear Corona, You came around so fast and unexpectedly. I never thought we wouldn't go back to school... or have our spring sports cancelled. Track has never been my favorite, but this season was going to be different; I could already feel it. I found joy in the short time we had together. Mind the running, my joy came from my teammates and coaches who I looked forward to seeing after school. I was excited for our first track meet after spring break, but little did I know that we wouldn't be coming back. I've been sad and I miss everyone I used to see at school. I know there will be a time when I get to see all my friends again. One very important thing that we're all learning through this time is the moments we shouldn't have taken for granted. Through this time of craziness and change in the world hopefully we can all find our peace and come out of this pandemic changed with a new perspective on our everyday lives." - Claire Wilson, 10

"Dear Corona, I was really looking forward to one more chance. One more chance to make memories. One more chance to prove to myself I could achieve amazing things. One more chance to get to know the underclassmen. One more chance to achieve my goals. One more senior night. One more chance to chance to make new friendships. One more chance to place at conference and districts. One more chance to run on the blue oval. One more last. All I wanted was one more, and you took that away. With no love at all, Regan Freland, 12."

"Dear Corona, I wish you did not have to ruin everything. I miss hanging with my friends, family, and just going to town for whatever. I miss playing my sports and trying to beat my past records. I miss laughing at lunch and getting A's on most of my tests. I miss having fun after school in the ag room. I miss all the teachers saying "Hi" to me in the mornings. I miss the coaches telling me how much I improved over the season. But most of all I miss all the memories I will never have." - Jaden Fairbanks, 09

"Dear Corona, I was really looking forward to this track season. I had been training all winter, and I had big plans and goals for my final high school season. I am beyond devastated you have taken this away from me and my fellow seniors and classmates. But...I believe everything happens for a reason, so I know there was valid reasoning behind this horrible epidemic...we just don't know exactly why." - Klaira Jungling, 12

"Dear Corona, I went out for track this year for the first time since my freshman year. I was excited to improve myself physically, to get to know my teammates better, and to create lasting memories. Unfortunately, you kind of choked these dreams out. Of course, I'll be able to make new memories later on down the line, but I'll never forget this disappointment I feel." - Dylan Sanders, 12

"Dear Corona, Why did you have to come in the spring? Spring means soccer, and that's my favorite and most important sport. Sure it would've hurt if you came during football or basketball season, but not as much as it hurts now. I had a chance to go to college to play soccer, but chances are that chance is gone, thanks to you. Thank you, Corona for stealing a part of my life." - Zoey Emmack, 12

"Dear Corona, had you not happen I would've been enjoying my day after school on the golf course with the golf team and coaches and driving around in golf carts, messing around with the seniors before they left but no you had to come and ruin that for me and the golf team." - Deanna McHargue, 10

"Dear Corona, You took my sophomore track season. You took the end of my sophomore year. You threatened my softball season. But you didn't take things from just me. You took the senior year of one of my best friends. You ruined the plans we had for prom and graduation. You ruined the things we were looking forward to. It's devastating. All we want is to be high schoolers again. All we want is the chance to make memories with our friends again. All we want is all you took from us, and that's the one thing you won't let go of." - Belle Hudnut, 10

"Dear Corona, You shut the lights off for athletes, coaches, families, and fans. I cannot imagine being a senior and not being able to compete in the sport I love the most. I cannot imagine losing an entire season as a 9th, 10th, or 11th grader for that matter. For that I am sad. However, what you did was cause millions of families to reflect on how they are spending their time and money as it pertains to youth sports. I have long thought this system is broken but you came along and destroyed it. As a father and neighbor you gave me the opportunity to "train" the young kids in my neighborhood everyday. We worked on so many skills and got in the best shape we have ever been in and it was ALL FULL with zero stress except for what the kids put upon themselves. We had a great mix of boys and girls and ages working together like a true little tribe of younglings. I firmly believe what we did as a neighborhood unit is far better than anything we could have done by subscribing to our typical youth sport enterprise doctrine." - Greg Bonnett