

# LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

"Because when you stop and look around, this life is pretty amazing." -Dr. Seuss

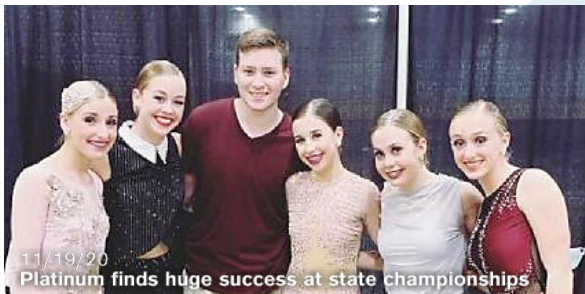
2020-2021 won't go down as the brightest school year in recent times, and it's easy to allow the many letdowns the pandemic brought with it to overshadow any goodness that came from this time. But each month in the Valley had its bright spots. We hope you'll take a look back at the school year and realize there are always good things happening around you if you're willing to look for them.



9/4/20  
First football game of a season that would punch their state ticket

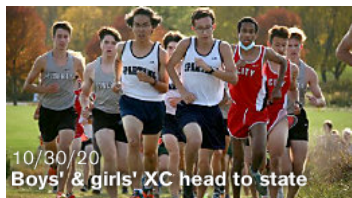
"Going to football games and especially state was very exciting for me, it felt like an event that brought everyone in the school together."

- Alex Melvin '21



11/19/20  
Platinum finds huge success at state championships

Platinum dancers (from left to right) Kylie Crome, Emma Richards, Louie Conn, Maci Quam, Reagan Glaus and Josie Kaffenberger compete at the 2021 ISDTA state solo competition hosted at HyVee Hall on Nov. 19.

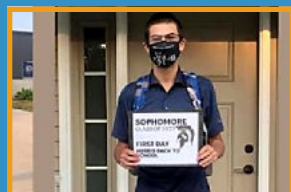


10/30/20  
Boys' & girls' XC head to state

"Track this season was fun and it was nice being able to practice and go to meets with friends."

- Pranav Suresh '23

TIME FOR A MUCH NEEDED  
**WINTER  
BREAK**



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



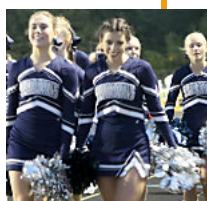
OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



"I loved being able to continue cheerleading this year. Most of my cheerleading friends are seniors so it was nice to have one last year with them."

- Cecelia Fierce '22



08/24/20  
Schools reopen

"The prospect of schools reopening full time with no mask mandates is honestly a scary one. However, I fully trust that the administration made responsible choices."

- Nora Zimmerman '23



10/15/20  
Improv Night goes virtual

"Improve night was as good as ever, even in a pandemic we make good jokes."

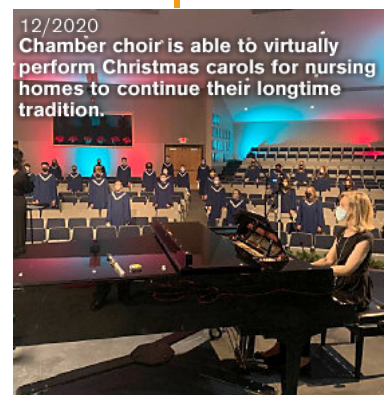
- Taze Wilson '21



11/02/20  
Volleyball goes to state

"Quote from student about the topic in this photo."

- Kora Ruff (9)



12/2020  
Chamber choir is able to virtually perform Christmas carols for nursing homes to continue their longtime tradition.

"Holiday carols are a Chamber tradition and have built a sense of warm community in the choir for years."

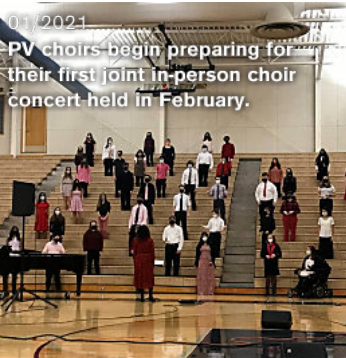
- Caroline Sierk '22

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"We worked really hard for this preparation as it was the first we we all got to perform together."  
- Anna Thorne '21



01/2021  
PV choirs begin preparing for their first joint in-person choir concert held in February.

"The team worked really well together both in singles and in doubles this season."  
- Brady Adams '22



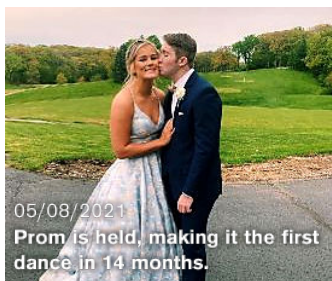
04/24/2021  
PV varsity boys' tennis sweeps singles and doubles at the PV Invitational

**JUST WEEKS LATER, STUDENTS 16+ WOULD BEGIN RECEIVING THEIR VACCINATIONS, AND BY MAY, STUDENTS AGES 12-17 WERE APPROVED TO BEGIN RECEIVING THEIR VACCINES.**



02/08/2021  
PV teachers begin receiving the COVID-19 vaccine

"This prom was super fun, I was with all of my best friends and not getting one last year made this one so special"  
- Anna Carius '21

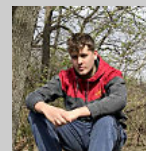
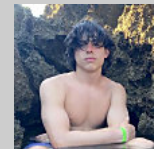


05/08/2021  
Prom is held, making it the first dance in 14 months.

# UNprecedented but Unified

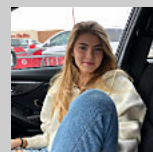
The spirit of these Spartans is UNbreakable. Here's how they showed their resilience amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic.

"This year was when I started to prioritize my personal goals and working out."  
Sami Alsheikha, 22



"Covid effects were horrible and really effected my focus."  
Blake Anderson, 22

"I took for granted being able to see my family and friends that live far away."  
Lauren Anderson, 22



"I became closer with my family because they were the only people I saw in person for two months."  
Olivia Syverud, 22



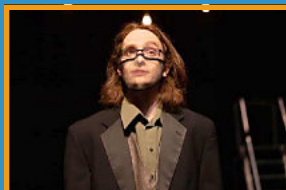
JANUARY



FEBRUARY



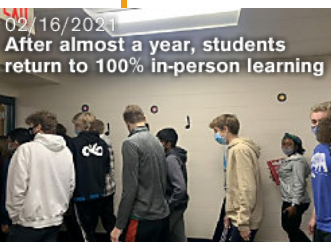
MARCH



APRIL



MAY



02/16/2021  
After almost a year, students return to 100% in-person learning

"I was not excited to go back to school full time but I eventually got used to it and was happy to see my friends who were on B day."  
- Sami Alsheikha '22



03/02/2021  
Boys basketball first beat Bett. in substate, then went on to beat North Liberty to earn their ticket to state.

Vocal Jazz Championships was an incredible experience! It was amazing to put on a wonderful performance with the Leading Tones from student about the topic in this photo."  
- Leah Mendelin (9)

03/30/2021  
Leading Tones receives 5th place in the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships



04/24/21  
Spartan drama performs *Our Town* with a live audience.

"Being a lead in *Our Town* was an incredible experience for my freshman year and it allowed me to make amazing connections."  
- Kylie Brees '24

5/31/21  
Despite canceled events, limited spectators/photography, short staff, hybrid scheduling and multiple quarantines...

"Those two games were very exciting, especially since they allowed us to achieve our goal of going to state."  
- Ryan Dolphin '22

# WE FINISHED THE YEARBOOK!