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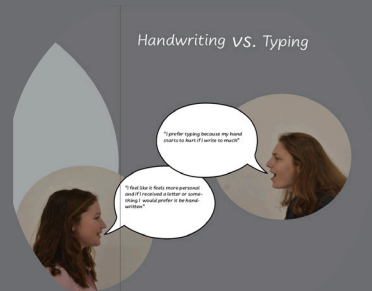
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"I care about the Constitution, economic freedom, pro-life and the security of the United States. The past four years showcased a president that, despite being declared an enemy from day one, was one of the most productive presidents we've ever had. He was not a previous politician, not influenced by money and pushed against the mainstream media which drove many people crazy. Not voting for the conservative candidate meant supporting abortion, socialism, increased taxes and continued social issue division."

Livi Graving '21

We started the year divided and a week late because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The purple hybrid group came the first three days of school while the gold group learned remotely from home. Then, the groups switched. We were divided in other ways, too. Few students could cheer on athletes as tickets for sporting events went to parents. The mask mandate at school had us all wearing masks there. However, outside of school a few of us wore them and a lot did not. Some people liked Trump. Some people liked Biden. Some liked neither.

In all the divisiveness, two facts united us:
We all lived in America.
And we all were Dragons.

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"I think after the harsh and divisive rhetoric that was used to marginalize groups of people for the past four years, it was important for the benefit of this country to elect someone that will focus on uniting the country together and fight problems that would have otherwise negatively affected our families and future. Biden was the candidate that spoke out for unity and reform, something that can heal and move America forward."

Vivian Chen '21

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Sticking out of junior Nolan Akins' car, sophomore Renee Johnson snaps some quick pictures of the homecoming parade. Johnson said, "At the beginning of the parade, I had no idea this would be happening. I started off by lapping around once then I had the phenomenal idea that I could just stick my head out of the sunroof of someone's car!" photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti



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It's always fall for football, we never forget here

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Seniors Nick Nyren, Caleb Helgeson, Cade Kuennen and Karter Kriegel prepare to run out on the field before the Centennial game. The week before the team defeated Dowling Catholic, who had won seven-straight state titles. Beating the perennial power put pressure on the team for the Centennial game.
photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti



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Outlining in purple, senior Sydnie Ehm contributes to the student council stadium painting. COVID-19 caused some of the normal homecoming activities like the dance and Rock Around the Clock to be cancelled. Stadium painting was deemed to be safe because it was held outside. Regulations included mask wearing and time slots. photo by Jordyn Cimmiotti



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all together is a lot better



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Performing at Informance seniors Hannah Daley and Neil Lagerblade and juniors Laura McAlister and Gabi Grimes sing the opener "I See Fire/Get Ready For The Fire". Informance was the first time Innovation was able to perform together after eight weeks of Zoom practice where students had to keep their cameras on even when they did not want to. The show choir started the season by wearing bulky \$35 masks, but some later switched to normal ones. photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti



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It's all about the color



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Handwriting VS. Typing

"I prefer typing because my hand starts to hurt if I write too much."
•**Dustie Brown '21**

"I feel like it feels more personal and if I received a letter or something I would prefer it be handwritten."
•**Mairead Chowanec '21**



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Vivian and I grew up playing soccer together and our political views were never known. Even though we're on different sides it doesn't change the friendship. We can all have our opinions and be different, that's the beauty of America. #FREEDOM

Livi Graving '21

Vaccinations started rolling out in February. It would have been preliminary to call the COVID-19 pandemic over, but some events started making a comeback. People being together started to return. Students came back from winter break to full in-person learning, and it actually lasted the rest of the year. After much debate, the school allowed an abbreviated prom and after prom. Spring sports held full seasons. The Knapp Center did not allow more than 250 people to be on the floor, so graduation was again held at the stadium where all 547 seniors could sit together on the field. Each graduate received six tickets and was required to check in the guests at the gates.

Oh, there was still divisiveness over politics, race and gender, but we all lived in America and we all were Dragons.

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Although Livi and I differ in political opinions, we actually have some things in common. We used to be on the same soccer team a while back, and we both played as forwards. Livi and I worked well together, scoring goals as a team. I had a lot of fun playing with Livi, and will always cherish those memories with her and my other teammates.

Vivian Chen '21

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Divided but United is the 74th edition of The Dragon. Starting in hybrid learning with students coming in only one or two days a week, to completely online, and then to everyone at once, the year saw many different learning formats. The yearbook was in chaos along with much of the world. We kept working on it no matter what the situation was, trying to remain united even though for weeks we saw each other only on Zoom.

Our learning situations divided us as did not being able to attend football games, not seeing our friends who were in the opposite group during hybrid learning and cancelled events like most of Homecoming. The Divided but United theme was born of this isolation. We were divided due to COVID-19 many times, but we were united in the fact we are all Dragons.

This yearbook was different than all the rest with little to no academic pages. How could we send around a photographer with social distancing in effect and everyone had masks anyway? Well, must of us. Fewer academic and club spreads meant more student life. Sports were complicated to get into although outside ones were easier than winter sports.

We lived through a pandemic. This yearbook aspires to show that even though it wasn't ideal, we still had a lot of fun, a bucket of laughs, and we had plenty of serious moments, such as the elections, the Black Lives Matter protests, and even the Inauguration of President

Joe Biden, we learned how to come together.

In order to make the book, we used 26 Mac computers which contained the 2021 version of Indesign and 2020 Photoshop and Illustrator. These computers helped us with making our layouts and fixing the photos to make you all shine brighter in the dark. All of our photos were taken with Nikon D7000 and D750 cameras along with Nikon 18-105, Nikon 18-55, and Nikon 70-200 lenses. We are grateful for another year of LifeTouch Studios taking all of the mugshots. Our cover was litho and all XXX pages were made of 100-pound matte paper. Each yearbook sold for \$58, or if you wanted a fancy nameplate, \$62.

We would like to thank the entire yearbook staff for all of their hard work and dedication for the duration of this year. We would like to especially thank Jordyn Cimmiyotti for the design of the cover and all the mods on the groupshot pages, Madison Layman for the headline and page number designs on every page, and Erik Mitchell, Mya Warrior and Jordyn Cimmiyotti for all working on the mugshots and doing them by hand. Mya Warrior also did all of the senior tributes by hand. An even greater thank you to our adviser Ms. Shipp for encouraging us to keep going. We are honored to have been able to work with you on this yearbook during your last year at Johnston High School. You helped all of us grow as young writers and photographers. Shipp, we love you.



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2020 RECOGNITION

State Awards

First place

- Will Burch, 2020 — sports story
- Maddie Loggins, 2020 — feature story school related
- Taryn Mock/Will Burch/Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — total package
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — cover
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — summer to December design
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — theme
- Owen Smith, 2020 — feature story out of school

Second place

- Will Burch, 2020 — sports story
- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — sports photography
- Cameron DeRoos, 2020 — sports feature photography
- Maddie Layman, 2020 — feature story school related
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — January to June design
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — reader services

Third place

- Will Burch, 2020 — sports story
- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — sports photography
- Sierrah Mangra-Dutcher, 2020 — feature story school related
- Taryn Mock/Claire Cramer, Lal Sanga, 2020 — January to June design
- Evan Wessling, 2020 — infograph

Honorable mention

- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — sports photography
- Claire Cramer, 2020 — feature story school related
- Sierrah Mangra-Dutcher, 2020 — feature photography in school
- Sierrah Mangra-Dutcher, 2020 — sports photography
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — summer to December design
- Madison Layman/Ethan Stahr 2020 — total package
- Taryn Mock/Sierrah Mangra-Dutcher, 2020 — total package
- Amber Yeutsy, 2020 — sports story

IHSPA High School Photographer of the Year

- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020, HM

National Awards

Quill and Scroll National winners

- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — sports photography
- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — sports photography
- Sierrah Mangra-Dutcher, 2020 — sports photography
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — theme development

National JEA Student Media Contest

- Excellent
- Jordyn Cimmiyotti, 2020 — sports action photography
- Taryn Mock, 2020 — theme

NSPA Individuals Best of Show National Winners

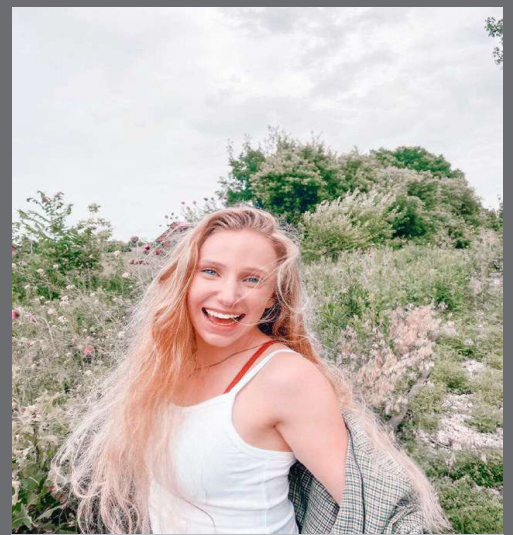
- 2nd place, Jordyn Cimmiyotti — photojournalism
- 4th place, Taryn Mock — yearbook design



Jordyn Cimmiyotti
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