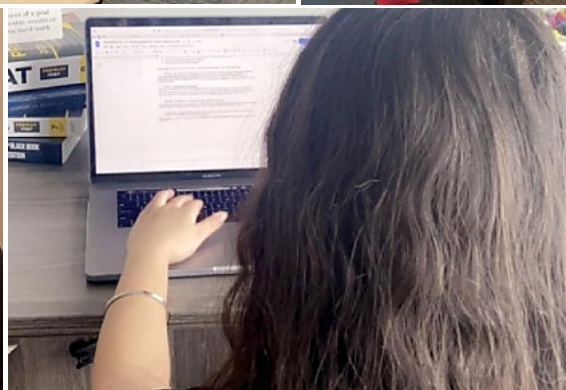
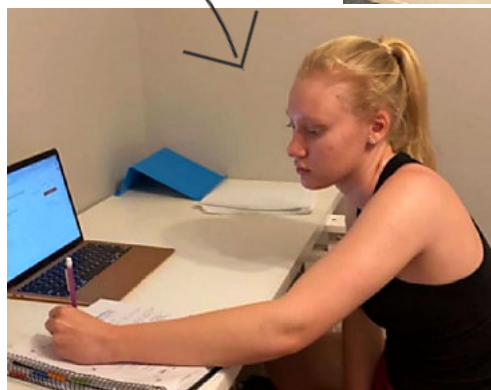


BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

The PV approach to school hot spots changed every student's routine. Every family has had a different approach to the virus. While some decided to take on the hybrid routine, others made the choice to completely quarantine themselves by choosing online schooling.



Ava Satterfield '21- "Our school has had a great approach so far to protecting kids by requiring masks and I feel safe at school compared to at-home learning. This year is completely unexpected, however, so far the COVID-19 precautions are promising in the sense of keeping our student body safe. For now, I feel comfortable going to school and I think many can agree with me."

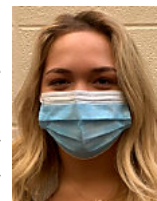


MASK FASHION



SOMETHING UNEXPECTED

Senior, Paris Fietsam, didn't expect that hybrid days would convince her to take online schooling.



RETURN TO LEARN

It can be hard to imagine the new routine for school days, however, the students of Pleasant Valley quickly adapted to the simple changes. Instead of lockers, kids carried their belongings in their backpack and kept most work and notes in Google classroom or in their Google Drive. Teachers kept in mind the importance of online resources with at-home students and those who had to carry around every textbook. Students found themselves in smaller classes than normal, with hybrid A and B schedules allowing for half of the in-person learners to attend class each day to maintain a safe social distance. While unsure how the year would unfold, Spartans showed resilience by rolling with the punches and working through all that was thrown their way.

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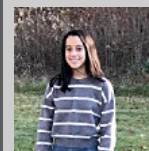


UNprecedented but UNified

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

"I've grown closer with my family because of all the time we spent together in quarantine."

Jayde Gomez, 24

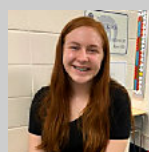
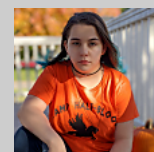


"I used to live in another country and it has been hard because I haven't seen my family in two years."

Ana Gonzalez, 24

"I have had to completely reevaluate my mental health and put some self care into my routine."

Elizabeth Gooch, 24



"I like hybrid because I have had an opportunity to relax and hang out with my friends."

Beatrice Goodman, 24



CORONA CALLS FOR CHANGE

New Normal

PV'S BRAND NEW APPROACH TO THE PANDEMIC WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE ATTENDING STUDENTS. HOWEVER, WITH NEW CHANGE COMES NEW IMPRESSIONS AND THE FOLLOWING STUDENT OPINIONS WILL COMMEMORATE THE COVID-19 YEAR THAT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY.

There were many questions on what changes the high school would put in place to keep students safe. Many common areas of the school were moved around for a safe distance of six feet between each chair as per the recommendations from health experts. In the lunchroom, plastic dividers separated each section of the table which only allowed for four students. This made it very challenging to socialize during lunch, which was a different experience for students. In previous years, students utilized lockers to store their books and belongings, as backpacks were not allowed in classrooms. But in order to maintain a safe six-foot social distance, lockers were not able to be used for most of the year. Therefore, students were able to

carry backpacks instead. Perhaps the most drastic difference during the school year was the use of hybrid learning. There were A/B days that separated students according to last name in order to keep the numbers lower at school, making social-distancing much easier to maintain. For additional safety, face masks were required to prevent the spread of illness. Pleasant Valley Senior, Ryan Mumey said, "It was difficult not going to school with all of my friends for my senior year. I constantly feared not having a football or baseball season due to Covid." Despite the year being so different, students and staff did their best to make it a year no one would forget.