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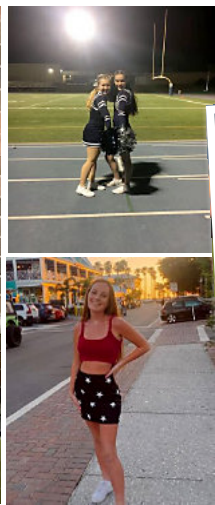
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NIKHIL RAMARAJU

Being a part of YSO, rowing, and taking honors/AP classes has made Nikhil Ramaraju stand out amongst his peers. He rows for the YMCA Quad Cities Rowing, and he practices twice a day, once before school and once after. Nikhil says his priority is rowing because his goal is to win the light 2x youth (Under 19) Nationals. Along with all these demanding commitments, he continues to maintain exceptional grades, and he has been on the first honors roll every semester. His secret is trying to procrastinate as less as possible and keeping a strict schedule. Although, high school has been super busy and stressful for him, he hopes that all the hard work will eventually start to pay off! Even with the changes to his daily life because of the Coronavirus, Nikhil tries his best to appreciate little things such as seeing his friends at school. According to him, "high school is a better experience with people to support you and involvement in things which you are interested in." He is also very excited to see what more high school has in store for him; for him, meeting new people and learning new things are the highlights of education.



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BECOMING AN upper classman

With sophomore year over, upperclassmen years begin. These can be among the toughest years of your life. Most high school students say junior year in particular is the toughest of them all. Here's some advice from this year's juniors and seniors on how to be a successful upperclassman!



"Be yourself! It's really easy to get caught up in what your peers think about you, but it is really important to do what makes you the happiest rather than living for other people."
- Sarah Babka, '21



"Try everything. Go to that club you're on the fence about, try that sport you've always wanted to play, and go hang out with that friend from class. You never know what you might regret 4 years later."
- Nathan VanUtrecht, '21



"It's okay to fail as long as you learn from it. You are not defined by your failures. It is also important not to compare yourself to others."
- Gabe Johnson, '21



"Junior year goes by really fast so make sure to take it all in and stay true to yourself. Also, a lot of the decisions junior year will dictate your future so make smart choices."
- Tarun Vedula, '22



"Make sure to take the classes you are most interested in and have the time for. High school is a place for you to explore, so start early. If you only realize what interests you when you are an upperclassman, then you won't have enough time to explore them."
- Maggie Wu, '22



"You have to make sure you make the most out of the opportunities you have. I tore my hamstring early into the track season and did everything I could to be able to run again. Live your life with no regrets of not doing enough."
- Ben Kammler, '22



"My advice to the underclassmen is to not worry. Junior and Senior year are by far the most important in your high school career, but the more you stress, the harder it will be. Just ride the wave and you will do alright."
- Ethan Ferry, '22



"My advice would be to try to talk to your teachers and get to know them well in the beginning of the year. The earlier you build these relationships, the more helpful they can be to you."
- Kavya Kalathur, '22



"My advice to the underclassmen would be don't stress about the small stuff. A single test or assignment is not going to ruin your grade. Keep things in perspective and don't let it bring you down."
- Cassie Smith, '21



"I think every student should try and form a bond with at least one teacher. This has helped me so much in my last years at PV and I really love the faculty at this school. They make it a point to look out for you no matter what and everyone should utilize that."
- Owen Jones, '21

UNprecedented but UNified

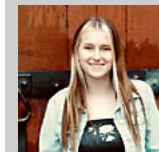
The spirit of these Spartans is UNbreakable. Here's how they showed their resilience amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic.

"I was in online school and I liked it a lot. I enjoyed having time to do things."
Abigail Hart, 21



"The pandemic almost managed to change our entire band season."
Maya Hartz, 21

"I missed Sunday pasta with my Grandma and seeing her during the quarantine."
Michael Aciri, 21



"I don't go anywhere anymore, so I'm just happy to stay in touch with people."
Ahrora Jones, 21



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