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Warriors plan for end of stay-at-home

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Since the stay-at-home order and social-distancing began, most of us have been trapped indoors with our families day in and day out. Every day seems to get more and more repetitive, and the days just bleed into each other. We have missed out and are currently missing out on plans we have made and people we have not seen in a long while. However, the long awaited end of the stay-at-home order nears!

After being confined for so long, we asked WB Warriors what they would like to do most once they are free to leave their houses. Here are some of the responses we received from fellow classmates

"I want to go on a picnic/barbecue with the rest of my friends to end the school year on a brighter footing. It would be great to socialize with everyone after having been isolated for so long. Especially getting to be with the lunch group and close friends so that we can all just joke around for a change."~Samantha Solis, junior

"I would like to have everyone from Willowbrook get together for one last time before the new school year starts; it'll be like a little reunion."~Nahomi Castillo, sophomore

"Once this is all over seeing the track team again would be a dream. We only had 3 meets this year and it was looking to be a good season.

Just to see all the girls and coaches again would be the best. Even having a mock meet would be so much fun!"~Lily Weder, sophomore

"Hangout with my friends and continue school in the fall at school and not remotely!"~Elizabeth Garcia, sophomore

"I can't wait to see my friends again, which is probably the typical response but it's so true. I can't wait for the first Sunday out of quarantine when I get to dress up and actually go to my church and see all my friends and just be around people again."~Elise Sanchez, junior

"I miss my friends and family a ton, so one of the main things I want to do is personally check up on them again. Being in quarantine definitely makes you realize how much being around people affects you. Talking face to face with people will always be better than seeing them through a screen to me."~Hiba Mirza, junior

"I want to go to the library, and I want to get coffee with my cousin and walk around downtown Elmhurst."~Claudia Schmidt, senior

"I want to go on adventures with my friends and enjoy the summer before going off to college. Summer is supposed to be the one time of the year where there's no school to worry about and you're just supposed to be able to have the most fun possible. For seniors it's the time to say goodbyes to their hometowns and to enjoy the time they have left along with remem-

bering everything they can about the memories they have made so far."~Alycia Cameron, senior

"I want to go on a road trip and see new places with my friends."~Zara Moinuddin, sophomore

"The one thing I want to do after the stay at home order ends is meet up with my friends. We took those moments for granted before but we are not going to let that happen again. I want to go out and see my friends and enjoy the outdoors with them."~Sumayyah Farooqui, junior

"To go to the DMV and get my license."~Emma Rattana, sophomore

"See all of my friends and get back to work, the REAL work. This is nice I guess, but only for now. I would like to be able to actually go to school and have the structure we once did. I would also like to see all of my club mates from K-pop club and all the nice kids in crew. I miss the ability to actually talk to people and stuff. It was nice. You never really are grateful for what you've got until it's gone."~Kaylee Hernandez-Ayala, sophomore

"I'm about to go out to my favorite Mexican restaurant, Taqueria El Compa, then I'm gonna go back home."~Matthew Baumann, sophomore

"Be able to go to the museum of science and industry, go to the aquarium and visit the cloud gate in Chicago."~Aileen Soreque, sophomore

"Go rock climbing!"~Meghan Fortier, junior

"Go out bowling with friends again."~Luke Fisher, senior

"A concert"~Cayden Loth, sophomore

"To go to the mosque for Ramadan prayers and also meet up with my friends."~Amina Mohiuddin, junior

"Go to an arcade or maybe go to Six Flags with friends."~Maher Sultana, freshman

"I would love to be able to be able to draw and read more. Hopefully I am able to play soccer and spend time with my friends. It is very important to have a balance between being social and taking time to take care of yourself through what you love doing."~A., junior

"Go eat outside"~Amreen Fatima, senior

"I want to visit my relatives especially my cousins."~Sadiah Khaleel, senior

"I had everything planned for what I wanted to do this summer and school year, I was going to get a job, and volunteer at hospitals, I was looking forward to getting a socializing and working experience."~Ruksar Ahmed, junior

"Listen to some Lil Uzi Vert, get a job, go to some parties, and go have fun with my friends."

~Mohammed Noman, sophomore

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Stay-at-home means cleaner air for now

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Quarantine has been a time for the environment to improve. Since everybody has been on lockdown, it means fewer people going out, less cars being used, and less carbon emissions. Air pollution levels are dropping dramatically in major cities worldwide.

Even within two days of the lockdown beginning on March 17, sharp traffic declines saw up to a 30% slump in air pollution levels in Paris, according to air quality monitoring agency Airparif, according to *Forbes*.

Two weeks after the nationwide lockdown was announced on March 23 in the UK, nitrogen dioxide levels in some cities fell by as much as 60%. London recorded a decrease where nitrogen dioxide levels fell by 36%. Levels of nitrogen dioxide were down as much as 48% in Leeds. Newcastle and Cardiff have recorded drops of about 45% and Glasgow has seen levels fall by 44%, according to *the Independent*.

NASA revealed that nitrogen dioxide level in New York and other major cities in north-eastern USA was 30% lower in March 2020, compared to the monthly average from 2015 to 2019, as reported by the World Economic Forum.

India accounts for the highest pollution-related deaths in the world, where more than two million people every year, according to the Global Alliance of Health and Pollution. On March 25, the first day of the lockdown, nitrogen dioxide dropped by 15%, according to *Market Watch*.

The same trend is occurring in terms of all pollutants, not just nitrogen dioxide. According to *Carbon Brief*, due to the pandemic, China produced 25% less carbon-based pollutants than in the same period in 2019.

However, along the same line, the pandemic has also reduced the amount of carbon being released by vehicle exhausts, and thus reduced demand for gasoline and oil. It was reduced so much, in fact, as reported on NPR and elsewhere, that for the first time in its history, the price for oil in the U.S. went



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Air pollution in Delhi, India, is way down during the pandemic.

negative.

However, while these environmental impacts are a great first step in fixing our climate, time will tell if this is the start of something new,

or if it is just a blip on the radar and only a matter of time before we're back to how we were.

Are blue-light glasses easy on the eyes?

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Since the recent calamity of the world, screen time has become an even bigger factor in our everyday lives. According to *pcmag.com*, there has been a 70% increase in use of streaming services and content in the past few months. Understandably, quarantine has brought out extreme boredom. Turning to binging a Netflix series or going through a wormhole on YouTube seems like the only thing to do.

With all of this additional technology usage, many are concerned that the blue light coming from screens is damaging their eyesight. Since digital devices are built with blue light filters, it is the blue light radiating from the screen that is causing damage.

News-medical.net says that

people who stare at screens all day can develop side effects like blurry or irritated eyes, headaches, dry or watering eyes, and even color-perception changes. These issues have not been determined to be solely resulting from the blue light specifically or the overall event of hours of screen time.

On the visible light spectrum, blue light is near ultraviolet light, which is considerably harmful. There are concerns that blue light can cause retinal damage over long periods of time; however, scientists have not securely concluded the evidence of it doing so.

According to *Health.cleveland-clinic.org*, blue light glasses are crafted to filter the glare and blue light produced by digital screens while reducing potential damage from perpetuated exposure to the blue light.

However, Adam Gordon, an O.D. and clinical associate professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Optometry believes that excessive exposure to screens causes temporary discomfort, but it does not appear to damage the retina or cause eye disease, according to UAB News.

All this time at home has created a surge in the online shopping market, and one item in particular that has gained traction is a pair of blue light blocking glasses.

"Lens manufacturers have jumped on the bandwagon of harmful blue light and are creating products that they claim will protect your eyes from macular degeneration or other eye diseases," said Gordon. "Blue light more often causes eye discomfort and annoyance than physical harm. It is important to understand what

blue light is, where the accusations of hazard and threat of blue light come from, and how it truly affects your vision."

That being said, blue light glasses might be more for fashionable purposes that won't actually "save" your eyesight after long hours focused on a screen.

Since there is no strong and clear evidence proving the harshness of blue light, these glasses might just be more of a hyped-up trend.

If you are experiencing computer vision sensitivity (CVS) as presented in *health.clevelandclinic.org*, it is always a good idea to take breaks away from the screen, periodically look away from your screen for 20 seconds, and increase the distance in between your screen and eyes.

Most Likely to Rule the World

Jack Carey and Frankie O'Byrne

The following pages show the results of the ***Skyline*** Senior Survey. Results are official but not guaranteed as predictive. Special thanks to Mr. Josh Zwart for survey administration!

Most Likely MacArthur Genius

Ayesha Baig, Eric Hoda, and Jack Carey (pictured ruling the world also)

Biggest Chicago Sports Fans

Julianna Paulsen and Lennon Conboy (not pictured)

***Most Likely to Travel the World***

Fahad Ahmed and Veronika Bukac

Celebrity Lookalike

Victor Valerio and the likable sidekick, Adam Flayman, from *Bee Movie*

Most Likely to Work at WB

Loren Perry, Deandre Holliday, Michael Hay

Most Artistic

Logan Mulholland and Lizzie McBride

Best Dressers Katherine Tortorici and Kate Gargano



Most Likely to Go Viral (again!): Nasar Ashar and Fahad Ahmed

Best at Quarantine



Pearl Hosman

Most Athletic



Deandre Holliday and Sam Tumilty

Friendliest



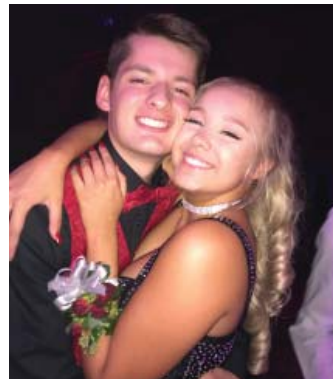
Kayla Beitzel and Calvin Fleming

Most Likely to write a Best Seller



Shannon Knudtson and Lizzie McBride

Cutest Couple



Cody Milas and Carolyn Baumann (also at right for **Most Likely to Star on a Reality TV Show**)

Best Hair



Katherine Tortorici and Joe "the Zone" Mazzone (not pictured)



Hardest Workers

Kayla Beitzel and Sam Bruns (not pictured)



Most Likely Rolling Stone Cover



Noah Garrett and Liam Riesen

Class

Clowns:

Nasar Ashar and Frankie O'Byrne



You might as well enjoy your stay

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This time is crazy for all of us, and sometimes we need a good show to distract us from the chaos of the world around us. Here are some of our top picks for quarantine binge watching.

Murder, mayhem, and madness. What more could you ask for? You can find all of this and more in Netflix's new documentary series *Tiger King*. The seven-episode series takes you on a wild ride through the life of zookeeper Joe Exotic. Joe owns the Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. The park is home to more than 230 tigers and lions as well as several other animals. The plot thickens when Exotic gets caught in a murder-for-hire plot.

Have you ever wondered when you'll hit your prime? Or have you asked yourself how to make yourself happier? Well, Netflix's *100 Humans* can help you answer those questions. The show brings together 100 different people of all ages and backgrounds to conduct experiments to answer life's greatest questions.

A great option for quarantine bingeing is ABC's sitcom *Modern Family*. The mockumentary style show follows Jay Pritchett and his extended family. Pritchett's family includes his second wife, their son and his stepson, as well as his two adult children and their husbands and children. The family faces all sorts of challenges and mishaps, but at the end of the day they still love each other and leave a smile on your face.

If you're looking for action and are a fan of superheroes, then check out NBC's *Heroes*. The series tells the stories of ordinary people who discover that they have superhuman powers and how these abilities take effect in the characters' lives as they work together to prevent catastrophic futures. The series ran for four seasons and uses multi-episode story arcs that build

upon a larger, more encompassing narrative.

Based on Charles Forsman's graphic novel, Netflix's *I Am Not Okay with This* is a great option for all sci-fi and mystery fans. The show is about teenage girl Syd and how she navigates the trials and tribulations of high school while dealing with the complexities of her family, her budding sexuality, and mysterious superpowers just starting to stir deep inside her.

Another great option for sci-fi and mystery fans is Syfy's *Wynonna Earp*. Based on Beau Smith's comic book series, this supernatural western horror series follows Wynonna Earp, the great-great-granddaughter of legendary lawman Wyatt Earp. In the show, Wynonna returns to her hometown of Purgatory where she battles revenants, the reincarnated outlaws that Wyatt killed with the help of her little sister Waverly and allies in the sheriff's department.

From the charming city of Scranton, Pennsylvania comes this office of lovable characters that are not the most cohesive group of employees. From a boss

who got himself a "World's Best Boss" mug, to the sales rep that always has a face for when things get weird, to the receptionist who would rather be at art school, to the assistant to the regional manager who has the name of "Recyclops" and "The Hay King," NBC's *The Office* is full of wacky and likeable characters that are sure to make you laugh.

Fans of horror and mystery will love the Netflix series *The Haunting of Hill House*. This show tells the story about the Crain family who entered the house intending to renovate it but escaped completely changed. You could even say...haunted.

Everyone knows about the iconic destruction of Krypton and their last son crash-landing on earth and how he was the best of the superheroes, but what about when he was growing up? *Smallville* gives us that answer with details of how Clark Kent went from a small town farm boy, to being a famous journalist and saving the world from impending threats.

Former *SNL* writer and fellow Chicagoan John Mulaney came back to his hometown to record

his comedy special *John Mulaney: The Comeback Kid*. During his routine he gives his take on his problem with babies, the time he met Bill Clinton as a child, and marriage. This hour-long special is sure to fill your house with laughs and jokes stuck in your head for weeks to come.

If you're in the mood for a different kind of comedy, *Jeff Dunham: Arguing with Myself* is right for you. Comedian and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham spends the 75 minute routine talking with five of his puppets and interacting with the audience. Dunham's sometimes sick and twisted sense of humor will either make you laugh or cringe and then laugh.

South African comedian and host of *The Daily Show*, Trevor Noah brings insight to immigration politics, race in America, and international relations in his comedy special *Trevor Noah: Afraid of the Dark*. Politics and comedy seem like an odd mix, but Noah handles it in a way that is sure to make you laugh.

School looks pretty different from home



cartoon by Jacob Inoshita

Sports fans want something to watch

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The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented people from attending public events such as concerts or sports. Despite this, organizations such as the NFL and WWE haven't postponed their events.

The NFL held their annual draft from April 23 to April 25. It was done through videoconferencing. The draft was going smoothly, but it was a bit shaky at times. This was expected, because there had never been a virtual draft before. The first overall pick was LSU quarterback Joe Burrow to Cincinnati.

The Bears made their first pick in the 2nd round, selecting tight end Cole Kmet. According to ESPN, the Bears ranked 31st in the league last year in terms of receiving yards from a tight end, so this pick makes sense. The Bears also picked up cornerback Jaylon Johnson. Since the Bears were weak in terms of cornerbacks, they needed to get one on the 2nd day to ensure that they would get a decent corner, according to ESPN.

While the Draft still happened, the NFL is not so sure about the regular season. They have not



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Many have tuned into ESPN to watch MJ in *The Last Dance*.

officially postponed their season, but many predict they will. According to Pro Football Talk, there is an "extremely small" chance that there will be no 2020 season for the NFL. Other sports leagues have already postponed their season. Like Major League Baseball and the NBA, the NFL might choose to play some games

without fans in attendance.

MLB.com states: "In response to the national emergency caused by the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, Major League Baseball suspended all baseball operations to include the remainder of Spring Training games and to delay the start of the 2020 regular season."

The MLB season is still delayed indefinitely, and there has not been much word on when it might begin.

Like the MLB, the NHL had to postpone their season. However, the NHL was already far into their season. The regular season was postponed, but on May 8, the NHL cancelled their international games.

WWE still holds their live shows every week. The events are held in empty arenas with no audience, which is a new experience for the fans and wrestlers. Wrestlemania 36 was on April 4-5, and was a pre-recorded event. Watching matches from the show feel much more like a movie than a wrestling match. Ironically, it almost feels like the WWE product is improving because of there being more time to prepare their shows.

Despite the success of WWE during quarantine, they have still

fired dozens of wrestlers. WWE was considered an "essential business" in Florida. According to NPR, Florida also deemed UFC and other professional sports an essential business. This allows the organizations to continue airing events as long as there is no audience. On April 15, WWE laid off 20 wrestlers, according to WWE.com. Tweets ridiculing WWE's decision were quick to come up. Many of the fired wrestlers' co-workers were saddened by the news, and they voiced their sadness on Twitter.

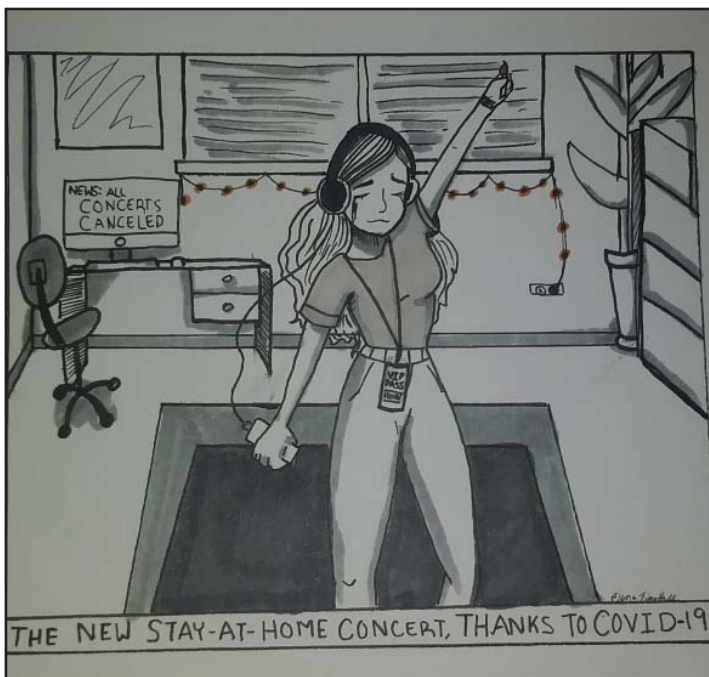
Like WWE, UFC has started to televise live matches, without fans.

On April 19, 2020, the first episode of Michael Jordan's *The Last Dance* aired. The show focused on the 1997-1998 NBA season for the Bulls. The docu-series doesn't just cover the games of that season; it also delves into the aspects of coaching and the management of the team. The Bulls had won five championships over the years before, and were looking for their 6th.

In the first episode, there is coverage on Jordan's time in the University of North Carolina. Jordan was still developing at this time, but it set the tone of the rest of the series. Jordan was always pursuing the next championship, even when he was in North Carolina.

The Last Dance is on demand on Xfinity, and airs each Saturday on ESPN until May 17. It is also available on Netflix.

With most of the sports cancelled, many of the sports channels on TV have been airing games from years past. If you have channels such as the NFL Network or NBA TV, you can find championship games, games with famous moments, and everything in between. Most major sport leagues have their own TV channel and allow ESPN to air games from history. So if you are starved for sports, make sure to check online for any interesting replays that will be aired.



cartoon by Elena Timothee

Warriors prepare for college sports

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As the class of 2020 says goodbye to Willowbrook, they can't help to look forward to their next chapter in life. For many, it's attending higher education; for some, it's joining the military; and for others, it's finding a job or advancing in trades. This year's seniors have had incredible success in theater, speech, automotive, music, athletics, and more.

The next step for some athletes to continue their passion is playing at a collegiate level. Unfortunately, WB was unable to hold a signing day for the athletes to show what school they have committed to, but nonetheless, some have officially marked what colleges are in their near future.

When choosing a university to attend, it is important to consider all aspects of the school, not just the athletics.

"I wanted to make sure the school fit me academically before I even looked at the athletic side of things," said volleyball player Michael Hay. "I might walk in on my first practice and end up injuring myself to where I can't play volleyball anymore. Then I'm only there to get a degree." Hay will play at Trinity Christian College.

The environment of the school and surrounding also plays a large part in the decision making. Most of the time, students will have to acclimate to a new location, so the way they're treated and how they feel while on campus should matter.

"I wanted to pick a school that was far enough from home, yet close enough to where I could easily see my family," shared Sam Bruns, a basketball player, who will play at Carthage College, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. "The basketball coach really showed that he cared about his players, and it is one big family atmosphere."

Optimistically, schools and sports may start up in the fall, meaning conditioning and countless hours of self-work for the athletes. Many of these strong student

athletes have built training into their quarantined schedule. From yoga and meditation to rollerblading and running, the seniors are determined to make a lasting impact.

Many seniors are heartbroken at the way the school year ended with unfinished seasons, competitions, events, and memories. However, they note, the past four years of WB have been unforgettable.

"Willowbrook has taught me how to ask for academic help when I needed it and learn how to balance school, sports, and the jobs I had in high school, which the time management skills I acquired from that will definitely benefit me into college and the rest of my life," shared three-sport athlete Maddie Brown. Brown will bowl for the University of St. Francis, in Joliet.

Wrestler Calvin Fleming misses his coaches and the interaction at practices. Even so, he has a bright future at COD and looks forward

to pushing himself mentally and physically.

Bruns shared some insightful take-aways from his years at WB.

"In your time at Willowbrook, go for everything you want and take chances," said Bruns. "Do not let anyone tell you what you can and cannot do; you control your emotions and actions. As long as you do what makes you happy, you become better and stronger. That is what is most important."

Insightfully, Hay urges others to focus on building relationships with faculty, janitors, nurses, and substitutes, to learn from them.

"Of course the school work is important when you're in school, but afterwards the relationships you made in that building become far more sentimental and valuable," said Hay.

Other seniors who have already committed include the following: Aidan Nichols for swimming at

Valparaiso University, Emily Alesandri for softball at Dominican University, K'Aliyha Herron for basketball at Concordia University Chicago, Makaylah Jones for bowling at Elmhurst College, Mikayla Tomaszewski for softball at Elmhurst College, Benjamin Cavka for tennis at Elmhurst College, Michael Horton for volleyball at Grand View University, Ashlei Mayweather for cheerleading at Roosevelt University, Khaylah Richey for basketball at Tennessee State University, Travis Moore for football at College of DuPage, Joseph Zopel for men's golf at North Park University, Ellie King for tennis and track and field at Carroll University, and Calvin Fleming for wrestling at College of DuPage.

To note, there are many more WB seniors still deciding their next step; these are the athletes who have already committed as of May 6th.



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