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March 2020- August 2020

On March 17, at school, our teachers told us to bring our school supplies home. We would have to learn from home! I was so excited! I would get to go to school at home. Basically no school. I knew a little about Coronavirus. I remember our teachers teaching us the correct way to wash our hands. They told us we had school tomorrow in person, but to still take home our chargers and computers just in case. Teachers were asking us, do you have wifi at home? Then, when school ended, we were all rushed out of the building, questions were asked all around. When I got home, I wrote my name on my charger. I was in a family of six, and I knew our chargers would get mixed up. Then I found out, school the next day was cancelled. I got up the next morning, and I wanted to start learning. I was eager. But my mom told me that home learning would start Monday.

When home-learning started I would get up earlier and do all of my work. I had a choir lesson everyday at around 8:30ish with a girl named Lydia. Lydia and I became really close friends over email and google meets. We knew each other before a little but we weren't best friends. That was one positive thing about the Coronavirus. When I found out that we were going to be home learning longer than 2 weeks, I was fine with it. Even when we were going to miss spring break, I didn't mind. I was Awesome.

I would have so much free time in the afternoon that my family would go on walks every night. I would go play outside and when I had a meeting to go onto, I would go get my computer and join the meet. I had a P.E meet, and sometimes I had meets with my teachers, so they could check on us. It was weird going to school in the same building as my whole family. My parents were teachers, so they taught at home, and all of my sisters were home too. I was happy with this. But then I couldn't even see my grandma. I mean, sometimes my grandma visited. We had to make paper masks and stay six feet apart. It was hard. The masks made it extremely hot and I had to go somewhere far away to take a mask break.

I was bored too. There weren't any clubs to do. I was in Drama Club, but that can get boring over a computer. I took virtual dance classes and even had to do a virtual dance recital, which took a really long time to record my dances. But, my sister and I made and directed family plays. Everyone was bored. When school ended, it was summer, we just took walks and played in our pool. We went to lake Placid for like 2-3 days, but that was it.

1. Everything is Awesome- Cody Peterson
2. Sound of Silence- Anna Kendrick
3. We're All in This Together - High School Musical Cast
4. Empty- Olivia O'Brien

September 2020 - May 2021

Right before school, I couldn't wait to go back to school. I was so excited. But I didn't know that it would lead to stressfulness and jealousy. When School started back up, I had fun. But I didn't really like doing virtual learning when meets and attendance were more strict. I remember getting so upset, and having a really hard time virtual learning. When we got to go to school, I had fun. But I really liked hybrid. Sometimes I would get nervous or stressed out, anxious, when I would miss an hour and a half of school because of internet issues. Later on, some people could even come back to school 5 days a week. At first I didn't want to go five days a week. That would mean I would have to pack my lunch every day, and wake up earlier. On days home learning, I could sleep in a little longer. But when I was on my meetings at home, I heard laughs and fun in the classroom. I wished I was there too. So my parents contacted the school, but they didn't let me come back for 5 days until everyone came back in for the full 5 days each week. I was really happy to be done with home learning. I remember going to cross-country on Friday saying, " YES! I am done with home-learning!!!!". I was so excited. Sometimes I would feel left out in my class. That would lead me to freaking out at home and being upset all day. But I started to just try to focus on the good stuff. School was so much fun and so much better when I got to go 5 days in person.

5.Can't Stop this Feeling-- Justin Timberlake

6.I'm a mess- Beba Rexa

7. Fight Song- Rachel Planken

June 2021- September 2021

Now, I am confident. I have only a few more days left of school, and there isn't much work to do. In eighth grade, I hope more clubs will open up and the tenth period is available. I hope for the best. If we still have to wear masks, I'll be fine with that. I don't really mind wearing masks that much. The Coronavirus Pandemic had a lot of ups and downs. But I try my best to look at the positives.

9. Almost There - Princess In the Frog Cast

8. We Got This- Cast of Zombies

1. Everything is Awesome- Cody Peterson- I chose this song when I found out we would be doing home learning at home. I was so excited. I thought life would be Awesome, hence the name of the song.
 2. Sound of Silence- Anna Kendrick- I picked this song because life was getting pretty boring, and you could pretty much hear silence. People only went outside for important stuff, or to take quiet peaceful walks.
 3. We're All in This Together - High School Musical Cast- During the Coronavirus, I felt like people just had to know that we were all in this together. I felt like everyone just needed more hope.
 4. Empty- Olivia O'Brien - School just finished and summer isn't really as fun. I can't go on really big trips like My family used to, and we couldn't even have our big family party that my family hosts. (paragraph 1)
 5. Can't Stop this Feeling-- Justin Timberlake- School started back up and I am excited! I couldn't wait. (Paragraph 2)
 6. I'm a mess- Beba Rexa - Virtual learning was really hard. I would get really stressed out and anxious. I would be very disorganized and messy.
 7. Fight Song- Rachel Platten- I was still having a hard time keeping track of school and sports and clubs. I started bringing my anger out on my family and I felt like I was going to die. I needed to keep on fighting.
 8. We Got This- Cast of Zombies- School is almost over, and Covid restrictions are disappearing, we can reach the end.
 9. Almost There - Princess In the Frog Cast - Almost there is a great song. We are almost there, to the end of the school year, but we are also almost to the finish line. Think of a race, the Coronavirus, and everyone racing to the end, but they find out that the only way to end the race, was to work together. So we work together, and we are Almost there. (Paragraph 3)
- ~ We're all in this Together.