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My life during the pandemic was very interesting you could say, It felt like there was a lot going on but at the same time it felt like there wasn’t much going on. This all started at the beginning of 2020 where we were getting ready for spring break but then were told that we would be going into quarantine. We thought that it would only last for 2 to 3 weeks but we were wrong. It turned out to last the rest of the school year and into part of the summer. That was weird because my mom who usually works 4 days a week was now home with me every day. That was weird because we were not used to being stuck inside a house for that long. There were good things and bad things that came out of being in quarantine. One good thing was that we could do many things that needed to be done at home. One bad thing was that you couldn’t leave the house and you couldn’t see friends because for us kids we were not allowed to leave the house, only adults could leave to get food and stuff at the stores. Many things happened during that quarantine time though, first I think it was the death of the legendary basketball player Kobe Bryant and his daughter in a tragic helicopter crash, then it was the death of Gorge Floyd which started these terrible protests because of the way he was killed. People started to protest peacefully and then it all broke loose, they started tearing apart cities and burning down buildings and destroying cop cars and looting places and it didn’t stop until like the end of summer. When that finally ended school was right around the corner and we were told we had to wear masks during school and everywhere else. I thought that I would never make it wearing a mask all day long because when we first had to wear them going into stores they just felt so uncomfortable and weird to wear because they were something I didn’t even really know about until the pandemic started. Once school started we were split up into 2 cohorts which meant that there were only like half the people in the school in order to make things safer. Also we only went 2 days a week which felt really short, but it was kind of nice because we could be at home for 3 school days. So school for me at least went by really fast when we went 2 days because once I figured out when I wanted to do certain homework I was able to finish it all in like 2 days which gave me an extra long weekend. After like half of the school year a vaccine was finally approved which meant that we could go back to school 4 days a week leaving one day for sanitation. We finally got to go back 4 days which meant we could finally see our friends from our other cohort which was really nice. The first day of 4 days a week had the first day of school vibes, I don’t know why but probably because we have only seen half of the school for most of the year. There were many other things that happened during that summer and into the school year, many more deaths and other tragic things happening that I just don’t remember all of because there were so many things that happened. During this whole time especially when we were in quarantine for me it felt really repetitive and boring because you would wake up and do the same thing every day which just got really old because you were stuck at your house all day which wasn't fun. And for me being a teen my mom was home all the time which was nice but it also kind of wasn’t nice because i'm the type of person that needs their space every once and a while so like if I have a day off of school it is nice to just be home alone and do whatever I want. Covid sucked a lot but i’m just glad it's about over right now because we can now go into stores without masks which feels really weird but it's so nice to not have to wear them. And it's nice to see the seniors get their graduation party because I know last year 2020 they didn’t get one. It's nice to see everything go back to normal and it just feels good and I know a lot of other people can agree with me on that.