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HONORING OUR BAKER HISTORY: SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS FROM THE PAST



STUDENTS ON CAMPUS!



Floral Design



Advanced Natural Resources



Varsity Volleyball

SENIOR SUNRISE: OUR ASB AT WORK

Tori Rinard
The Summit

At the top of the school year, the ASB and administrators worked together to uphold a new tradition for our school, the senior sunrise. This is the morning that the senior class is invited to the campus before sunrise to come together and start the year on a positive note, regardless of the dark and rainy weather.

Nonetheless, Baker seniors came together to hang out in their cars and enjoy the morning. Thank you to everyone who helped this event come to be.



Seniors Steven Champeau and Taylor Daniels

STILL GOING!!



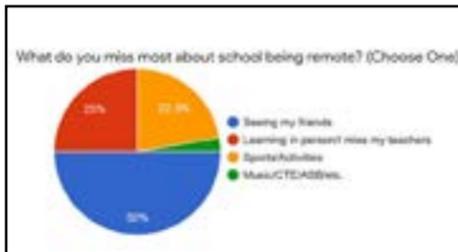
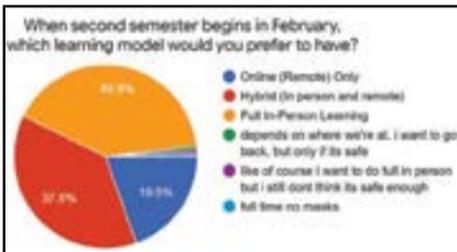
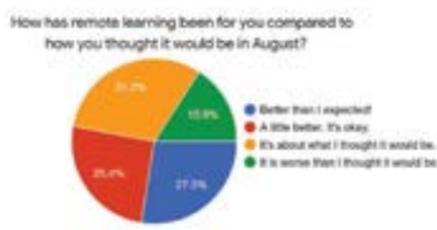
Drake Pickett
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2020 - THE YEAR OF REMOTE LEARNING

At this point in time we're nine months into quarantine, and 3-4 months into this new remote school year. It's rough, this isn't anything you haven't heard before, but I decided to ask a few teachers around campus how remote learning has benefited some students for a change. Ms. DeRoco said, "Many students who are nervous about answering questions (just in case they are incorrect) in front of their classmates are becoming more and more willing to use the private chat to send me their answers. Even when their answers are incorrect, they will often try again. I love watching their confidence grow." Mr. Corning, with a little tongue in cheek, commented, "strangely, a lack of socialization has made them more able to perform tasks." And Mr. Lewis admitted some things that I think we can all agree on: "...the biggest change I am noticing is that students seem to be getting a bit more sleep(?)... some students I know have also benefited from having only 4 classes to focus on at a time." Even when the odds are against us, we are Baker Strong!



The Rock Proudly Displays our Mantra



HOMECOMING 2020!

On Oct. 9th, 2020, the Mount Baker JR/SR High School ASB held a socially distant Homecoming car parade on the Mount Baker High School campus. The theme this year was space. Students were allowed to dress up themselves and their cars and drive around in the provided lanes they had set up for that evening. About 15-20 cars showed up and went around the campus. During homecoming week, students were dressed up and showed off their SPIRIT. These were the following themes for each day:



Madisen Harper
The Summit

Monday - PJ
Tuesday- Tourist
Wednesday- Wacky
Thursday - Class Colors
FROSH - Purple
SOPH - Blue
JR. - Yellow
SR. - Pink



Kaytlin Vanderhorst & Mataya Mann



Emma Cook

WILLIAM STITCH-SMITH TRAVELS THE STATES!

Over the summer, William Stitch-Smith traveled to forty states with his "Pandemic Quilt" to commemorate the impact of this pandemic. For more information, visit: <https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/article/328340?org=MBHS>

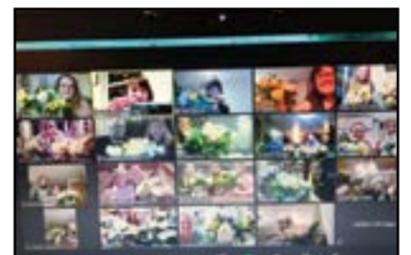


TORI'S TEA

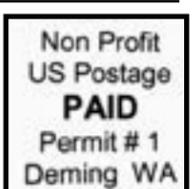
Do you know the phrase "If these walls could talk"? With school being online for so long, I wonder if the beautiful brick walls of our school are running out of things to say? It's been roughly nine months since all learning became remote. During this time, we have all learned just a little bit more about technology such as Zoom, Google Classroom, Flipgrid, and how to send our teachers a proper, professional email. Since then, we have all grown to want one thing in common, to return to school for just a little bit of normalcy. Some of us want sports to return back to normal, some of us just miss our classes and our teachers, and some of us may just be bored of seeing the same walls inside of our houses for so long. The goal of this issue of *The Summit* is to hopefully give our Mount Baker community a small piece of familiarity in this weird time. We worked really hard as a class to give you this issue, and we hope you enjoy it just as much as we do. I'd also like to take a moment to thank Beatrice Morris for recoloring our logo. We appreciate it and you so much.



Tori Rinard
The Summit
Editor-in-Chief



The New Normal: School On Zoom
"FFA Virtual Floral Night"



A LOOK INTO . . .

PEER MENTORS



Tori Rinard
The Summit



Grace Baker

No matter the grade, all Baker students have been impacted by the peer mentor team at some point. This group, led by the wonderful Ms. Lee, has been a tradition at our school for about six years now. Peer mentors are here to help freshmen transition into high school, but it's a lot harder to do this during distance learning, so that's why Kaytlin Vanderhorst, Grace Baker, and Tori Rinard have created the "Mount Baker Peer Mentors" Instagram account to help the group stay active. When asked what the intent of their two weekly posts was, Kaytlin said, "With remote learning, it's difficult to create that same connection, so we created Mindset Monday as a way to continue sharing those experiences. Feature Friday is simply a fun way to get to know this year's Peer Mentors a little bit more than what we've introduced in PRIDE and it's an opportunity to grow relationships!"

RUNNING START:

with **Aliyah Moa** and **Anika Giarde**



Autumn Metzger
The Summit

It's about the time of year that Baker sophomores are starting to contemplate where they want to spend their junior year, at Baker for College in the High School (CHS) or at Whatcom Community College for Running Start. I asked two juniors, Aliyah Moa and Anika Giarde, about running start for a true, inside perspective.

How different are the classes at the college?

(Anika) "The classes are pretty different in the sense that at Baker the classes you take could be just a semester or a full year. But at Whatcom, all of the classes only last about 3 months. I do like most of my classes, although I have learned not to take math again until we can go in-person because it makes the class a lot harder than not being able to just raise your hand to ask a question."

(Aliyah) "I'm only taking English and History at Whatcom, but they've been much easier than English and History classes I've taken at Baker in the past. The classes have a lighter workload, and focus a lot on independence. The classes definitely challenge me to analyze on a deeper level and really think on my own."



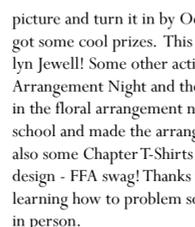
Aliyah Moa and Anika Giarde

FFA: ON CAMPUS

"What's FFA up to right now with COVID going on?" you might ask. Well let me tell you, kids that joined FFA are able to participate in the Butter Braid Fundraiser. The funds raised will help with travel and purchasing supplies for you and other FFA members this school year. There are also zoom meetings once a month, so all the members can keep in contact, keep up to date with all the new activities, all the while keeping safe by social distancing - zoom wise. An activity that was set up in October was a pumpkin carving contest. After carving your pumpkin, you take a picture and turn it in by October 28th and the person that won the contest got some cool prizes. This year's winner of a Halloween gift basket was Caylyn Jewell! Some other activities that the FFA teachers have set up are Floral Arrangement Night and the Stanwood Jamboree. Students who participated in the floral arrangement night picked up their supplies and flowers at the school and made the arrangement via zoom with instructor. There were also some Chapter T-Shirts made for the FFA members which have a great design - FFA swag! Thanks to the teachers help in this class, students are learning how to problem solve and use great work ethic even if they can't be in person.



Above: Kyler Kelly in the FFA Barn.



Above: Percussion students practice their music together.

As you may know, band is a class that relies heavily on group participation and playing together. Covid, however, has forbade us from doing that. Only CTE classes are taking place on campus. For the rest of us, we are trying our best to learn and improve on our instruments even though zoom does not have very good audio quality or visual frame rate/quality. We decided to not play in class as a group, only individual practice. We continue to try our best and get better everyday. Mr. Ross, the new band teacher, assigns us what to practice and gives us class time to do so. We fill out practice logs to keep track of our improvement. When I asked Mr. Ross, "If you had to describe your first year teaching band along with the COVID in one word, what would it be?" he replied, "Challenging!" I think that describes it immaculately. It is already extraordinarily difficult to be a teacher and to learn how to teach. Although there isn't much we can do, one way to make it easier for our teachers is to make sure they know they are appreciated.



THE BAND PLAYS ON

Parker Som
The Summit

for the whole day and none of his students mentioned anything about it until the very end of the day. • His biggest piece of advice would be to take a gap year and travel if possible. It gives you a chance to experience life without having to be committed to college life.



Mike Lembo

- He has taught 15 years at Baker
- The most interesting thing that has happened to him was someone came into his zoom room and swore!
- His advice for after high school would be to get a job that you enjoy because it will make you so much better off and not so burnt out in a short amount of time and to not worry about pay, just that you should enjoy doing it.
- If he won the lottery he would use his money and become a golfer or go back to school to pursue engineering.



Jen Stephens

- She has taught 17 years at Baker
- An interesting thing in her zoom was a kid turned on his mic and camera and asked everyone if they liked Funyuns and taught everyone the recipe.
- The most embarrassing thing that has happened to her while teaching was that a kid made her laugh so hard in class that her gum flew out of her mouth and hit a kid in the face and landed on their desk.
- She would travel everywhere if she won the lottery. She would also like to make Mount Baker's sound system better all around.



Pat Brauer - Math

- He's taught 30 years, 15 years at Baker
- There is nothing interesting about zoom
- He dropped the f bomb in his algebra class in front of his students

and then he had to visit the principal to talk about it. • If he won the lottery he would definitely do a lot more fishing, travel around the world with his wife, ski, hike and just adventure and try out new things.

HOW IS ASB?

Our ASB group has been an excellent example of Determination this year. While the school year hasn't been what we expected it to be, these students have done a fantastic job at maintaining engagement with our community through announcement videos and small, socially distance events. Some common faces in the announcements have been Leseah Kennedy for the weather of the week, Mataya Mann for some fun dances on TikTok Tuesdays, and ASB President Kenji Oshiro for the shoe of the week. When asked about how planning has been for the group, Mataya said, "Having to change up traditions and go about things in a new way isn't always easy, and it takes a ton of collaborative thinking and planning, but I love it." Leseah responded saying, "I really enjoy doing the weather of the week because it is a tradition at Baker. It brings some normalcy while being remote." With so many changes, I asked Kenji how different his presidential workload has been in comparison to what he expected. He said, "My workload has been less compared to normal school expectations. Online school, however, has been right where I thought it would be."

Tori Rinard
The Summit



Above: Seniors gather in the parking lot for the Senior Sunrise.

FROM THE SIDELINES: A MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Hello Mount Baker Community, At this time there is not much movement on the athletic front. We are still in a holding pattern with regards to indoor workouts, which means no activity at this

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

February 1
Winter Sports

Basketball, Wrestling, Cheer

April 1
Fall Sports

Football, Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Cheer

May 1
Spring Sports

Boys Soccer, Golf, Track, Fastpitch, Baseball

time including the weight room. Outdoor activities are allowed in pods of five. The WIAA, along with numerous coaches associations are working to provide a safe return to athletics beginning February 1st. This is no easy task. We know though personal experience and research the positive impact sports have on students physically, academically, and maybe most importantly, mentally. These groups are still grinding away in order to provide an avenue for students to once again participate in school sponsored sports. The WIAA is still planning on providing three sport seasons beginning February 1st and ending June 13th. Seasons will be shorter as well as the number of contests. These are extremely difficult times on all of us, but I know we have the resolve to keep working in a positive manner to provide a chance for our student athletes to compete in one of the many positive aspects of their overall high school experience. If I can help answer any questions, please give me a call (360) 961-3108. Thank you. Coach Lep

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO... CATCHING UP WITH BAKER ALUMNI PLAYING COLLEGE AND PRO SPORTS



TJ BASS - JR.
University of Oregon
Football
Class of 2017

1. Take care of your grades first. Your path may be different than others. Just gotta believe in the process.
2. My favorite moment was going to state every year in football.
3. I enjoy the physicality of the sport I play. Covid has canceled my spring football, and changed my season which has been limited to 6 games.



Grant Balvanz - SR.
Multnomah University
Basketball
Class of 2017

1. Work hard. College is a completely different game whether it's community college or a D1 university the talent level is so much higher. Do not get comfortable with where you're at in high school, but always strive to get better. Be humble and grateful for any opportunity that is given to you. Out of high school I wanted to attend a 4-year university but ended up **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Danielle Tyler - SOPH
Whatcom CC
Basketball
Class of 2019

3. During COVID sports are a lot different! There are no locker rooms, we don't get to play in travel tournaments, our season is shorter and we have no fans. all of those things are the best part of playing college basketball. I am very grateful we still get the chance to play this year because a lot of kids don't!
2. I was a part of the 2017 state championship team and a lot of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Kali Cook - FR.
Carroll College
Cross Country
Class of 2020

1. I would say just to live your sport. Don't worry about impressing coaches. Just play the sport because you love it and see where it takes you.
2. My high school sports highlight was going to state as a senior and having fun with my friends there.



Juliette Haggith - FR.
Northwest Nazarene
Track
Class of 2020

Q: How has the balance between workouts for track and maintaining your school work been?

A: It's been a huge rollercoaster. We started practicing late because of COVID which led to us not having a season. We had to wait for at least two weeks for us to even get together. I've been taking 18 credits (6 classes, 2 labs) which **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Stephanie Soares - JR
The Masters College
Basketball
Class of 2019

1. The advice I would give is to practice, practice and practice. Spending extra time on the court working to improve your game will be very beneficial. College coaches not only look for players that can score but also team players, great defenders, and players that work hard with positive attitudes on and off the court.
2. My favorite moment was traveling to Yakima for **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

COVID-19 & Sports



Ava Jeretzky
The Summit



Mount Baker was fortunate enough to have the chance to have pre-season training and practices for multiple sports this fall.

Unfortunately, basketball and wrestling were cut short and golf wasn't able to participate. Taking full precautions, including temperature checks, 100% mask requirements, frequent hand sanitization, and social distancing, our Mount Baker athletes got the opportunity to hone their skills with up to eleven practices on the field and in the gym. These practices ran from October 5th through November 16th.

Weight training is something that has been occurring the entire summer till mid-November. The athletes in this program have been impacted in many ways. We asked a senior about their experiences.

RIPLEY REARDON - SENIOR

"Weight training has helped me in so many ways, it has made me more confident, a stronger and better athlete, as well as helping me make new friends. The environment is always positive with people encouraging one another all around you, and it's amazing to see more girls in there.

Coach Bartl has created an environment where it is more thought of as normal for anyone and everyone, no matter your background to be there. It has helped my friends and me with our mental health as well as our physical health. We are stronger, more confident, and more determined than ever to achieve our goals! During this time, it has given us the opportunity for social interaction that has been super important and has helped us to get through these times. Personally, since this has gotten shut back down, I have noticed a downturn in my outlook and mental state as well as in my close friends who have been going as well.

This program is more important than most people can even realize and if everyone could take the time to ask all the athletes how much it has impacted them in a positive way, many would realize how important it is to keep it up and running.



Coaches Bartl and Pattison



WEIGHT ROOM

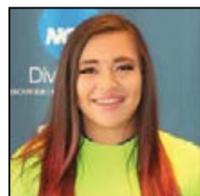
Lucy Hughes
Natalie Horsmon
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Ashlyn Lizotte
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Logan Steeves
The Summit



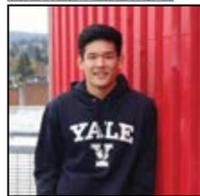
DJ Camacho - FR
Rockford University
Soccer
Class of 2020

1. I'm doing pretty good in college. I'm going to Rockford university in Illinois and I'm getting a business degree while also playing soccer for them. As sports go, all the sports for my school are going to be in the spring and it hasn't been too bad with covid. It is difficult at times due to wearing mask and practicing, and the biggest difference I would say is having to wear **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Kennedy West - FR
Edmonds CC
Fastpitch
Class of 2020

- Q: How do you balance school and softball?
A: Well right now, during this time, it has been super easy. Online school has been easy so far, I can work on it when it fits into my schedule. But as far as sports go. As a team we haven't been able to practice at all, sadly. So I have been doing workouts, pitching lessons, and hitting lessons to stay in shape for when **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Jason Lee - FR
Yale University
Football
Class of 2020

1. Attending school online during this pandemic has been quite challenging for me because I am a very social person. It's hard to wake up every day and be limited in what I can do socially with others. The positive side to all this is that it taught me not to take for granted the time I spend with others. As for football, it's hard to maintain the same level of physicality without having any **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Jessica Soares - SR
The Masters College
Basketball
Class of 2017

1. A sport in college is not for the faint of heart. Late-night to early morning and sacrificing "free time" to get back in the gym after a two-hour practice or not hanging out with friends to study. Having the mindset to not be satisfied in your sport and academically are what coaches want to see in a player. Someone who works hard on the court and in the classroom, who is also **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



ABBY YOST PROFILE ON PAGE 6!

We asked our sport Alumni three questions!

1. What advice would you give to current Mount Baker athletes who want to play in college?
2. Looking back, what was your single favorite athletic moment from high school at Baker?
3. What do you enjoy the most about playing your college sport and has COVID changed your season?

Horoscopes



Alexis Eubanks
The Summit



Capricorn:
December 22 to January 19

Ambitious is the only word to describe you. You're going to be on top of it this season. You'll do ALL of the activities and you'll do them well. Do your celebrating with someone as optimistic as a Sagittarius but avoid Aries.



Aquarius:
January 20 to February 18

Take off your left shoe and smell it. If it smells like parsley, you'll have a fruitful life. However, if it smells like barley, you need to wash your shoes more. Capeesh! Juggle teabags with an Aries.



Pisces:
February 19 to March 20

You smell like burnt chestnuts, stop it, get some help. Ask Aries for help but do not ask a Cancer.



Aries:
March 21 to April 19

You keep breaking the candy canes and candles, along with destroying everything on accident. Dull down your horns and have a Gemini help you, avoid Virgo.



Taurus:
April 20 to May 20

You're going to eat ALL of the holiday food, don't get your horns too sticky. Ask a Virgo to help but not Aquarius.



Gemini:
May 21 to June 21

You're the most chaotic of the signs. When you decorate a tree, you either break all the ornaments or you bunch them all up in one spot, all the same color and types next to each other. The star is crooked and there's big bald spots in the tree. Have a Virgo help you, but not an Aries.

Winter Fashion at Baker



Madalyn Tenkley
The Summit



Madisen Harper
The Summit

Staying In:

- Sweatpants and sweatshirt/cropped top
- Pj's
- Yoga pants and sweatshirt
- Shorts and tank top

Casual Outfits:

- Crop top with jeans
- Jeans, fuzzy jacket, plain shirt, ankle boots
- Mom jeans with a baggy oversized shirt and sneakers
- Mom jeans, cropped top, with a flannel
- Leggings, cropped top, with a cardigan overtop
- Mom jeans with sweater



Mom jeans, crop top and a flannel

Going out:

- Jean jacket, infinity scarf, cute shirt, jeans
- Long flowy printed skirt, tucked in baggy shirt, jean jacket/jacket, and sneakers
- Tight dress with baggy oversized jacket with cute boots/ sneakers
- Turtle neck shirt with a hoodie/baggy shirt over the top with tennis skirt or mom jeans
- Skirt with cropped sweater/baggy oversized shirt



Yoga pants and sweatshirt



Mom jeans with a baggy oversized shirt and sneakers

COVID PERSONALITIES

FRESHMEN



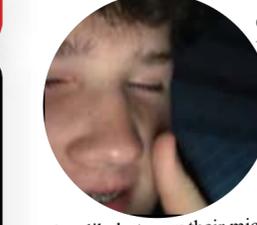
Apollo Scott

Most likely to leave class before it is over



Althea Magallano

Most likely to have their camera on all the time in every class



Colby Kelley

Most likely to say their mic is broken so they don't have to talk



Jaden Pelzer

Most likely to sleep through PRIDE



Malik Mostafa

Most likely to be muted by a teacher

SOPHOMORE



Landon Smith

Most likely to join the wrong class on Zoom and not notice



Kaylee Wahl

Most likely to be eating or making food during class



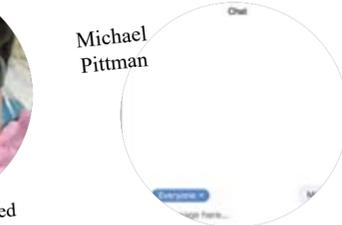
Brady West

Most likely to say that their WIFI is out as an excuse not to zoom or turn on their video



Riley Kruse

Most likely to sleep through PRIDE

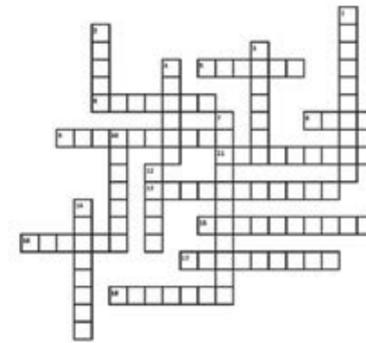


Michael Pitman

Most likely to chat something to the whole class instead of just the teacher



BAKER CROSSWORD



Down:

1. Red and white hooked shaped candy
2. The item you can't walk into any store without
3. A figure built by rolling together large snowballs
4. Decorative ring hung on doors
7. The organ system that the Corona virus majority affects
10. The reindeer that leads Santa's sleigh
12. If you have Covid 19 you may experience a dry ___
14. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh

Across:

5. You should wash your hands for at least ___ seconds to keep the germs away
6. To limit close contact with others make sure you stay ___ away
8. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys
9. To stay at home in isolation from the general public
11. If you can't get to a place to wash your hands make sure to use ___
13. What people put on their Christmas tree
15. Avoid large ___ of people
16. Santa rides in this on Christmas Eve
17. Hung by the chimney with care
18. Santa comes down this

Word Search: Teacher's names

W B O S Y N P D S M
O P K T J D I E M A
O B L E O U W D O N
L R I P H R A E O N
M A N H N A S R R R
A U E E S N A O E J
N E Z N O D K C L H
R R R S N P I O E A
W H I T C O M B E R
S M A R S T O N S T

Stephens
Iwasaki
Hart
Mann

Marston
Durand
De Roco
Lee

Johnson
Brauer
Moore

Whitcomb
Woolman
Kline

Coffee Corner

Coffee Near You:

Xtreme Bean Espresso, Everson - 360- 592-0902
Joe's Fine Coffee, Maple Falls- 360-389-3276
New Grounds Coffee Co., Bellingham- 360-966-3861

Seasonal Coffee Mixes:

White Chogg Latte- New Grounds Coffee Co. Specialty
Peppermint Mocha- chocolate syrup and crushed candy canes
Pumpkin Latte- pumpkin puree, whole milk and pumpkin pie spice
Gingerbread Latte- gingerbread syrup, and milk
Horchata Latte- rice milk, cinnamon
Creme Brulee Latte- creme brulee syrup, frothed milk, whipped cream
Christmas Cookie Latte- shortbread syrup, vanilla, white chocolate

Coffee Reviews:

Joe's Fine Coffee- We highly recommend the pumpkin spiced latte. It tasted amazing and really brought out the seasonal factor in the coffee.



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The Summit



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NEW GROUNDS COFFEE



These specials can be enjoyed hot, iced or blended!

*White Polar - white choc, peppermint and toasted marshmallow

*White Chogg Mocha- white choc made with egg nog



COVID PERSONALITIES

JUNIOR



Finley Bell

Most likely to cure COVID-19



Caleb Horsmon

Most likely to accidentally leave their mic on and say something they shouldn't



Ava Loeb

Most likely to never want to return to school after the pandemic is over



Jordan Hughes

Most likely to fall asleep during class



Autumn Hadeen

Most likely to protest having to wear a mask

SENIOR



Madisen Harper
The Summit

Most likely to catch COVID-19 by not socially distancing



Leseah Kennedy

Most likely to be seen on a street corner holding a sign promoting vaccinations



Aidan Corning

Most likely to get way better grades during remote learning than when at school



Jeremiah Lee

Most likely to sleep through PRIDE?



Lillian Pike

Most likely to embarrass themselves with something they do on Zoom

COMIC CORNER



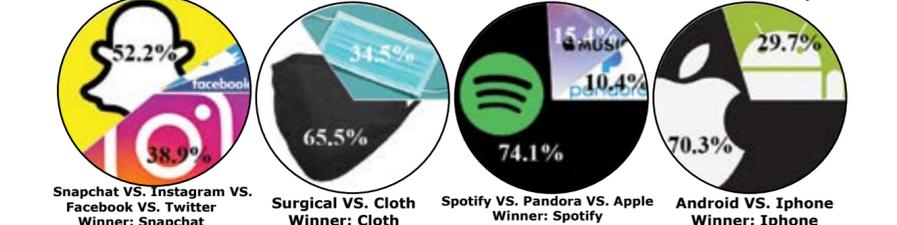
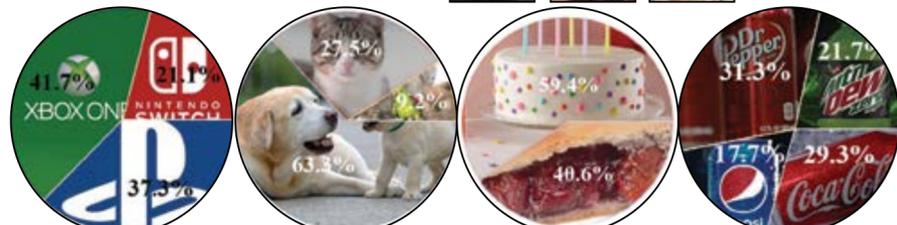
Hazel VanBuskirk
The Summit
Freelance Artist



THIS OR THAT?



Gabriella Cortez
Kenzie Shea
Danielle Keeny
The Summit



Tim Soares - PRO Master's College Overseas Pro Basketball - 2016

Stephanie Soares Continued... state! Spending time with my teammates and playing the state games with so many fans watching.

3. College sports are very competitive, it challenges me to be a better player in games and practice. COVID has for sure changed our season, lots of our games have been cancelled or postponed. Not only has COVID changed my plans but also I have been dealing with my knee injury. During this COVID year we don't really know what to expect. It's a great time to work on your game and look forward to whatever comes ahead.

Jessica Soares Continued... respectful and coachable. You might think you a pretty good player now, but I can assure you that if you go into college with that mindset it's going to get crushed. Coaches want to see that you are confident in the skill set you have work on, but not being so confident that they don't listen. They want players that know there is still so much to learn. Just know that creating habits of working hard now and sacrificing time on your game or study, will be rewarding when you get to college.



Abby Yost - FR Skagit CC Basketball Class of 2020

1. The piece of advice that I would give a current athlete at Baker would be the hardest worker and biggest helper in the gym. What I mean by that is be the first one in the gym and the last one out. Be the person to help other athletes when they may not understand and help out the coaches as much as you can.

3. One thing that I have enjoyed about playing in college, I would say, is how competitive the atmosphere is. Everyone has the same goals and wants to be the best player that they can be. The way COVID has changed my season is that my season got pushed back.



Grant Balvanz Continued... playing at Whatcom Community College for two years before transferring to an NIAA university. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity at Whatcom, in order to help me achieve my goal of playing at a university. Never give up on your dream if it doesn't work out right away. Stick with the process.

Juliette Haggith Continued... on top of trying to practice and COVID (and not having a whole lot of friends going into this semester) has been really tough. I've been put into quarantine twice and the school went into lockdown between my two quarantines which made it so I haven't run with my team in two weeks as of today. I've been really stressed overall, but I'm living for those moments of calm when I go on hikes or when I'm on a run.

Kennedy West Continued... we can actually start playing!
Q: What do you like more about the college sport?
A: Something I enjoy more about college softball is that you definitely have to fight for your position to start. The competition I definitely enjoy more than high school softball.

Jason Lee Continued... contact or hitting. However, this has allowed me to really focus on the mental aspect of the game instead, mainly learning the new playbook and team values I have been introduced to.

2. To any Baker athletes who truly want to play sports in college, I advise that you really take these last few months of high school seriously in terms of training. The majority of athletes during this pandemic can find any excuse not to put the work in, whether that excuse is that gyms are closed or that they have no one to train with because of isolation. You don't need a gym or a partner to hone your craft, so don't fall into the trap of becoming lazy like some during the pandemic.

Another important note is that due to the cancellation of sports seasons, it is that much harder to get scouted or noticed by college recruiters. So instead of waiting around, be proactive by reaching out to teams you are interested in and sending formal emails with your previous game.

DJ Camacho Continued... mask for everything and classes are a bit difficult at time because it's hybrid so some classes are in person and some are online. But college has been great and it is going great with meeting new people and having a fresh start somewhere new!

Grant's Burgers Review



Abby Rovig-Rieksts
The Summit



Grants has been around since the 1960's with its first location in Ferndale and soon to be newest location near our beloved MBHS campus. In an interview with the owner, she told me that Grant's mission is to have restaurant quality food ready in 3-5 minutes. I went there and tried their classic cheeseburger which is a meat patty topped with relish, pickles, tomatoes, American cheese, lettuce, and their secret sauce. It was the best burger I've ever had. There is honestly no need for any other sauces or toppings. The burger was so juicy, anytime I took a bite, drops of the juice fell onto the tray. It was the perfect balance of some acidity but not so much you can't taste anything else. While there, I also tried their fries with tartar sauce. The fries were perfectly cooked; crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. The tartar sauce has a light flavor and compliments the fries perfectly. After I had ordered the food, it was out in less than 5 minutes. Overall it was really good food and prices.



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PS5 vs XBOX X Series

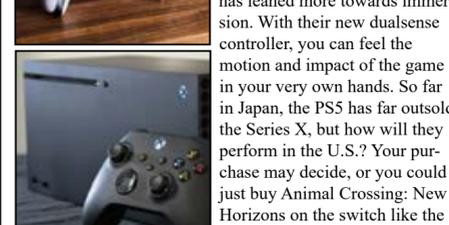


Drake Pickett
The Summit

As Christmas approaches this year, many bewildered parents will be asking, "PS5 or Xbox Series X?"

Well, it'd probably sound more like, "Should I buy the playitwhatever or the whos-a-watza box" but that doesn't really get the point across as well. To break it down, I'll be telling you exactly what console YOU should be looking forward to this holiday season. When it comes to sheer processing power, Microsoft has Sony beaten by the smallest margin. Both new consoles boast stunning 4k graphics and efficiency, but the Series X load time has shown to outperform the PS5 by a magnitude of multiple seconds. Now, if you're the average joe who couldn't care less about a few seconds of saved time, then their game libraries are sure

to grab your attention. Microsoft offers the game pass, an inexpensive subscription service that gives you access to 100's of games, yet Sony is still able to compete due to their incredible exclusive game library. Sony has leaned more towards immersion. With their new dualsense controller, you can feel the motion and impact of the game in your very own hands. So far in Japan, the PS5 has far outperformed the Series X, but how will they perform in the U.S.? Your purchase may decide, or you could just buy Animal Crossing: New Horizons on the switch like the rest of us.



Video Game Review

In the game of Stardew Valley, you get to live every burnt out office worker's dream: the death of a grandparent. Well, to be more specific, you get to live out the fantasy of moving away cozy "Pelican Town" where you get to meet a



Alexis Eubanks
The Summit

the bottom line is that Stardew Valley is a great game for all ages, it's on nearly every platform that you can think of, it's cheap, and it can be played again and again. Despite being developed by a single person, this game is a charming experience that I would rate an 8/10.

Baker Quiz

Natalie Horsmon
Ava Jeretzky
The Summit

QUESTIONS (answers on bottom left, page 8)

- How long has Mr. Gerlach been teaching?
- Where are the track records located?
- How long has Mr. Durand been our principal?
- When was the original MBHS opened?
- When was the current MBHS opened?
- When was the field house grand opening (year)?
- Who has taught at MBHS the longest?
- How many schools districts consolidated into our current district?
- Which Superintendent served for 28 years?
- When were the first football playoffs played (year)?
- Which two directors directed the most performances?
- When was the first football game under the lights?

Duo Review with Mrs. Moore



Above: Linda Moore



Tori Rinard
The Summit

T: How has the learning process for Soundtrap been for you?

L: It has been a lot of experimenting which has made me draw on all of my slick information skills. Talking to people, watching a lot of YouTube videos, searching for what works online and experimenting with what works and what doesn't. It's stressful but breaking it down into 'I'm going to do this much on this day' instead of 'all of it all on one day' makes it more manageable and a lot less stressful.

T: How do you feel about the way students have been doing with Soundtrap?

L: I am so impressed with their persistence, perseverance, and their commitment to the project. A couple of kids have said, "Oh well it took me two hours" but they didn't give up. Then, once they learn a technique or two, it becomes easier to redo it. I think that they have done an outstanding job.

Binge Watch!



Madalyn Tenkley
The Summit

With quarantines and social distancing guidelines, many of us have been watching new TV shows on a variety of streaming services. Here are my opinions on a few shows that I have watched over this break:

The Vampire Diaries: This show follows the life of Elana Gilbert. She is a teenage girl who lost both her parents in a car accident. She ends up falling in love with a vampire named Stephan Salvator, who has a brother... Damon Salvator. Both brothers are in love with Elana and attempt to protect her throughout the series, they face lots of villains and battles that come through their hometown, Mystic Falls.

All American: A rising high school football star from South L.A. gets recruited to play for the Beverly Hills High School football team. This show shows the wins, losses, and the struggles of two families from two very different worlds. This tv show is inspired by the life of the pro football player Spencer Paysinger.

The Ranch: This show takes place in the fictional Iron River Ranch near the small town of Garrison, Colorado. This show follows along with the life of the Bennetts, they are a dysfunctional family with two brothers, a rancher father, and his wife, a local bar owner.

Tiger King: This show follows the battle between Joe Exotic and Carol Baskin and their rival big cat zoos. It shows the realities of owning large cats, and shows how a man went from an attention-seeking zoo owner to a convicted criminal.



The Tiger King



All American

The Vampire Diaries

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We polled students for their favorite food they eat that others don't find as appealing. Below are a few of our favorites Baker students submitted!

- Nacho cheese doritos and french onion dip
- Deep fried steak
- French fries and applesauce
- Spicy mango raisins from the school
- Spaghetti and mayo
- Girl scout cookies and beef jerky
- Baby Bells and A1
- Chicken Strips dipped in a milkshake
- Nutella, peanut butter & melted cheese sandwich
- Cheez-its and nutella
- Peanut butter and mayo sandwich
- Burger with jelly
- Pita bread with ranch
- Peanut butter and tomato



French Fries and Applesauce



Nutella and Cheez-its



Mayo and Peanut Butter



Deep Fried Steak



Tomato and Peanut Butter Toast

Baker Kids and Their Pets

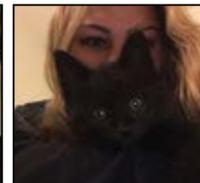


Cody Gates
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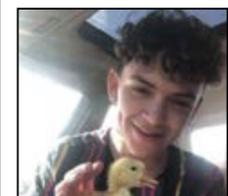
Pets are important here in our Mount Baker School District. They help us feel safe and loved, and we surely love them back. To show off a bit of our pets we have Mycah Rhea and her dog, Molly. We also have Ashlyn Lizotte and her cat, Meatball. Finally, we have Autumn Hadeen and her cat, Rayne. Check out their pictures and more!



Mycah Rhea



Ashlyn Lizotte



Ayden Rodriguez



Autumn Hadeen



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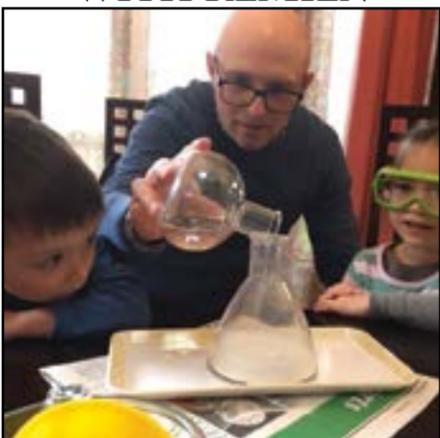
DURAND'S DOMAIN



It is my honor to be a part of our first edition of The Summit newspaper in the 20/21 school year! I have seen some amazing things during our COVID times from the community, staff and students. We are a team that relies on assuming positive intentions from everyone around us and during our times of quarantine and social isolation this is as important as ever. Things won't always be this way and we are a team that stays together, we support each other knowing we are all in different places, and we show grace, resilience, determination and integrity in our actions and words.

When we stumble, or miss a play, we have someone there to pick us up. As any coach will tell you, the easy thing is to fracture, the hard part is staying together. The reason I have stayed at Baker this long is because of the unwavering support and trust from our community to do hard things and support students through feats and challenges. In the end, nothing will get in our way of serving this community and preparing our students for life after high school. Be well. Be safe. Be positive. We Are Baker!

THE RUN DOWN WITH REMIEN



GETTING TO KNOW MR. REMIEN!

This is Mr. Remien's second year at Mount Baker as the assistant principal. Before coming to Mount Baker, he taught for 18 years and for the last nine years was at Burlington-Edison High School. He also coached high school baseball for ten seasons.

Mr. Remien decided to become a principal shortly after his last deployment with the U.S. Navy Reserve which was 12 months in Afghanistan. He is married and has two children: Benny, 6, and her little brother Henry, 4. (And they are always willing to make a Morning Announcements appearance)

BAKER QUIZ ANSWERS

- 34 Years
- Facing Track, Ms. Moore's Classroom
- 7 years
- 1925
- 1991
- 1970
- Mr. Gerlach
- 40
- William Castles
- 1974
- Cindy Curtis (Mellema)
- Melody Morris
- 1951

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Meet the amazing team of individuals who work tirelessly to support the academic, career, and social emotional needs of our MBHS students.

• **Sandi Madison**, Career Specialist: Ms. Madison is dedicated to helping students develop and execute their post high school plans. She leads our students on their entire post high school journey from early career exploration to finding jobs, applying to college, and every step in between. Ms. Madison's decades of experience get our students to the "front of the line" whether that involves access to financial resources to pay for college, scholarship opportunities, job placement, or enrollment in technical or degree programs. Ms. Madison is a student's post high school planning "go to" person. That's WHY she's called a specialist and she works for YOU!

• **Lauren Oswald**, Family Service Coordinator: Ms. Oswald connects students and families with resources and supports that will help them to be successful in school. Specifically, she works with students and parents who might be in unique living situations - living with a friend, living in a trailer without heat, living in a car, and many others. The programs and services that Ms. Oswald can offer include: food programs, clothing help, housing resources, accessing health care, accessing mental health services, and much more!

• **Kristen Lawrence**, Mental Health Support Specialist: In her role as a licensed mental health counselor, Kristen offers support to students in the form of individual counseling, assistance with creating a plan or strategies for feeling better, coping with stress, anxiety and depression, and helping students struggling with a lack of motivation which so many are these days. She can also help direct students to other mental health supports or resources that exist in the community.

• **Cameron Clay**, Student Assistance Professional/Prevention-Intervention Specialist: Ms. Clay works with students who may be using substances, considering using substances to relieve anxiety or depression, or is impacted by the substance use of someone they love. Together, students and Ms. Clay develop goals around reducing use and improving health, happiness, and



L To R (Top Down): Cameron Clay, Meg Lee, Toby Marston, Sandi Madison, Lauren Oswald, Kristen Lawrence.

school performance.

• **Toby Marston & Meg Lee**, School Counselors: Mr. Marston and Ms. Lee work with all students on campus to support academic, career, and social-emotional needs and goals. They collaborate with families, administrators, and teachers to develop school-wide interventions that help students in their academic endeavors, future pursuits, and social and emotional well-being. They also work closely with the amazing team of above-mentioned specialists to serve the whole child in and outside of school.

STRAIGHT FROM HEADQUARTERS

Seasons Greetings Mountaineers!

Superintendent Mary Sewright

The end of the calendar year is a great time to reflect on accomplishments and challenges from the current year and set goals for the future. This has been a tough year for everyone. I hope you all will take your learning and experiences forward and set yourself up for a successful 2021. There are many frustrations right now but also many things to look forward to in the future. I encourage all of you to use this time and the resources provided to make sure you are on track with graduation. If you are behind, this is a good time to catch up. If you are on track, keep up the good work. We are all here to support you academically, socially, and emotionally. Asking for help when you need it is a show of strength. Asking for help for others you know are struggling is an act of compassion and love!

The question on everyone's mind is "Are we going to be back in school February 1st?" A great deal of effort and planning is going on right now to make that happen. As long as we get the green light from the Department of Health we are going to be all in on launching a hybrid model and providing extra-curricular activities to the extent allowable and safe. The amazing thing is that we have proven we can do this with health and safety guidelines in place. Contract tracing and research show that schools are safe. My greatest hope for 2021 is that I see you all on campus and will be able to watch you perform in those activities you love and are passionate about. Stay positive and hopeful with me. Together, we've got this!



MOUNT BAKER HISTORY

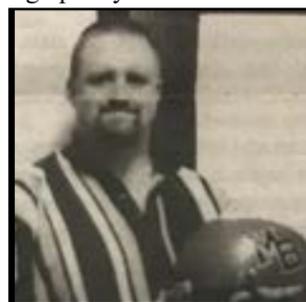


Drake Pickett
The Summit

Should this season happen, it'll be Coach Lep's 25th season as head coach of the Mount Baker football team. This makes him the longest running head coach in Mount Baker history, surpassing Bob Tisdale, the coach who our field is named after by three years. In celebration of Coach Lep's 25th year, we decided to take a look back to where it all began back on April 11th, 1996 by showing off some highlights from a Mountain View article commenting on the occasion.

When asked about being named the head coach 25 years ago, a younger Coach Lep responded, "This has been a career goal of mine; the administration wanted me here, the parents wanted me

here, and the community wanted me here: it works for everyone." And when asked about his plans for the team by the Lynden Tribune he responded, "The fence isn't broken, so I'm not going to tear it down. We're just going to put a new coat of paint on it, my style." Lepper replaced his good friend and current teacher Mrs. Stensgar's father, Doug Preston. I think we can all agree that his style has led us to plenty of success over the years, and hopefully he'll lead us through plenty more.



Coach Ron Lepper: 1995

MOUNT BAKER'S ACADEMIC TOP 10 FALL 2020

Mt. Baker's Top Ten		Mt. Baker's Top Ten	
Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
Natalie Borenson	Sage Cary	Al Tapp Sarmava	Etiah Fournier
Alyson Moa	Tempest Reiser	Carlo Vukobrat	Annam Santay
Melanie Strom	Daniel Kapustin	Emma Cook	Petra Alford
Ella Mahoney	Vanessa Lind	Emily Karmayrak	Isabel Magro
Joel Marr	Roger Murphy	Maria Mann	Brianne Bradley
Tori Tavis	Michael Soriano	Pailey Bell	Therese Devine
Sadie Schneck	Natalie Warr	Suzie Anderson	Dorothy Bowhay
Althea Magalano	Adrianna York	Alysa Ma	Brooke Hart
Sophia Patten	Edith Contreras Moreno	Tara Lukyanova	Marques Brown
Lillian Peterson	Kyle Sandberg	Drake Pickett	Pauline Sanku

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