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The Battle against COVID-19

by Jordyn Conley



During these past few weeks, as you know, our daily life has changed due to COVID-19. Schools, colleges, churches, restaurants, etc. have all closed down and now we are quarantining in our homes. It was a rocky transition for the whole nation, but Legacy has had a smooth adjustment.

School teachers are using an app called ZOOM to have virtual class time with students. It is a wonderful application that lets you face time with multiple people at once; it has been put to good use by all the Legacy family. Mrs. Fredricks' sign language class on ZOOM is pictured above. Legacy students seem to be doing very well. Although it has been nice staying at home for a lot of us, sadly, lots of events have been canceled or delayed. Senior graduation and prom, sports games and practices, the Athletic Banquet, etc. have all been delayed, but we are being told some are, hopefully, going to resume after this quarantine!

The Legacy family is still very strong through this difficult shaping process. The discipline of the month is journaling. Legacy staff is videoing themselves and talking about journaling, for families to watch at home! Legacy staff is suggesting that we journal in our Bibles or a notebook. "I have really enjoyed journaling with my family. I think it's a good way to connect with God!" notes Wyatt Francis.

You can journal about your difficulty with COVID-19, God's word, His message to you, updates about our lives and how this is a great and new experience for all of us. God has shown us such glory in all of this chaos! It is breathtaking how God can turn something so sad and scary into something so wonderful and peaceful!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MAY

This year, our Lion family walked through month after month with a focus on one or two Spiritual Disciplines. As we have worked through the strangest circumstance in most of our recent memories, we were able to put those disciplines to use! Now, with the end to this school year in sight, our final study (the 13th discipline!) is on the discipline of perseverance. Man, have we had an opportunity to do that!

The Bible is very clear about the benefits of perseverance and about the trials we face that require us to persevere in the first place. Romans 5 says, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.

When we are faced with trials or uncertain times, it's our hope in God and our trust that God is working things for the good, that helps to see us through. As adults, we can look back now and see God's hand in our lives, especially in the times of trouble. I don't know about you, but

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Spiritual Discipline

Serving

As we continue our study of the book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, by Donald S. Whitney, we have moved from Worship, to Silence & Solitude, and now to Serving. Here we are learning that true Christ followers are compelled to no longer live for themselves, but for Christ. There are six motivations for Serving the author wishes for us to focus on as we discipline ourselves for the purpose of godliness.

Obedience - "You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him." Deuteronomy 13:4

Gratitude - "Only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you." I Samuel 12:24

Gladness - "Serve the Lord with gladness" Psalm 100:2

Forgiveness - "One of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.' Isaiah 6:6-8 (sound familiar?)

Humility - "When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.'" John 13:12-16

Love - "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13

Serving is the pouring out of an overflowing heart. Spurgeon surmised it so beautifully, "The heir of heaven serves his Lord simply out of gratitude; he has no salvation to gain, no heaven to lose;...now, out of love to the God who chose him, and who gave so great a price for his redemption, he desires to lay out himself entirely to his Master's service.... The child of God works not for life, but from life; he does not work to be saved, he works because he is saved." Serving will rarely be glorious on this earth. Mr. James served us with a joyful heart by keeping our lunchroom tidy. He loved His God and so he served us in God's name. We were only a small part of Mr. James' life story, just one tiny fragment of the many he blessed during his lifetime. He now stands before his Heavenly Father being told, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'.

Perhaps in heaven Serving turns out to be glorious after all.

Penny Gunn

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A Message From Mrs. May (continued from page 1)

today I can testify that I learned a lot more from my mistakes and failures than I ever did from my successes. And my biggest mistakes were only committed once! Suffering through those times built my character and, for better or worse, shaped me into the person I am today (warts and all!)

This is the hope we have for our children, especially as they prepare to graduate from high school. Our graduates have had to persevere through this national crisis, forfeiting their final days on campus and several "last times." They won't ever be able to truly "close out" their time in high school. But, they will persevere, they will grow in character, and they will have hope that what has happened has all been God's plan. As hard as it has been to accept, I know our students will look back on this time and reflect on how it changed them, hopefully for the better.

Thank you for persevering through this school year and for requiring your children to do the same. Because after all, the point of persevering is to finish what we started. As we close out this year, may we finish strong and persevere until we see one another again.

Taking it to the Hoop!

written by Mia Martinez



This year our Lady Lion basketball team made history yet again by being district champs and making it to the TAPPS Final Four State Championship. This year's captains were seniors, Mia Martinez(#50) and Reagan Mace(#5) and junior, Avery Davis(#10). This season the Lady Lions played over 30 games. "After playing for 7 years this is the one season that flew by," says senior, Reagan Mace. Along with being district champs, many of the girls on the team got special awards and honors. Freshman Aubrey Davis was awarded with Second Team All-District. Sophomore Trinity Reifsteck was awarded with Second Team All-District. Sophomore Mary Wittmer was named Newcomer of the Year, First Team All-District, and All-State Honorable Mention. Sophomore Maddie Steed was awarded with District MVP, First Team All-District, First Team All-State, and All-Tourney All-State. Junior Avery Davis was awarded with First Team All-District, Second Team All-District, and All-Tourney All-State. Senior Mia Martinez was awarded Second Team All-District. And lastly, senior Reagan Mace was awarded First Team All-District and All-State Honorable Mention. While the season didn't end the way they hoped, the girls are very excited for next year as they move up to TAPPS 4A and face new teams and competition.

Kids are the New Superheroes!

by Charlie Kerr

This year at Legacy, many of the elementary students are learning to give back and becoming the new superheroes! The "Kids with Capes" program has different activities each month. Examples this year have included collecting socks, random acts of kindness for neighbors or parents, and writing letters to the military. Another popular month is when the kids give a bag of candy in appreciation to someone in the community, such as police, firemen, doctors, nurses, pastors, teachers and then they take a picture with that person. The students give back to people who need it the most and learn early in their life to become positive, Christ-like people in the future. Proverbs 19:17 says "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." This program will give these elementary students the opportunity to do a service project. Coltyn Watson, 5th grader, says, "I enjoy the Kids with Capes because it's teaching us ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We get to be kind and do things for people who don't always get recognized for the job they do. We should always be kind."

Kids with Capes students can also earn rewards for helping out and use them to earn cool things like t-shirts and celebrations! The students get the opportunity to do some of their work in their Bible class. This program is great for all kids and will teach them many Christ-like characteristics while they learn the importance of giving back. Mrs. Francis says, "Kids with Capes is a wonderful program that shows our elementary students how giving in the forms of random acts of kindness and service can benefit not only them but the people around them. Our hope is that they will learn to willingly go out into the community and be the hands and feet of Jesus. What I love most is seeing all of the smiles on the students' faces. It shows the pure joy and goodness in their hearts to serve and give thanks to others."



QUARANTINE TO-DO LIST

written by Richard Lewis and Joseph Haley

With the recent outbreak of Corona virus, life for everyone has changed. Since the first infected person in the U.S. which was reported on January 20, 2020, life has been a challenge. From protecting yourself and your loved ones to staying prepared and on top of things it has been difficult trying to maintain the chaos. Below are the best ways to stay busy during quarantine.

Movie Night is a way to spend time with your family. You can escape the reality of the virus and go on a journey through TV. As John Picard said, "Movies are good because you can get into them and you don't have to think about other stuff."

Board games are great and you can enjoy them with your family as well. From poker to Clue, the variety of games is up to you.

Bible Study - staying solid in faith is key to helping us in these challenging times. We need to look to God when things get rough and now is the best time to ask for help.

Cleaning quickly passes the time. If you want to go through belongings or a closet with a bunch of junk it easily improves your mood.

Cooking always passes the time. You're able to make meals you like without going out. It is always great to learn and try new things.

Theme nights are another way you can spend time with your family. For example, you can have a country western night where you eat barbecue or dress up like a cowboy or cowgirl.

Reading is another way you can escape reality and immerse yourself in a different world. Start a series to read and enter a fantastic world like the Hunger Games or Middle Earth

Working out - Getting out and going to the gym or going to the court to play basketball with friends is ruled out with the strict quarantine rules we have. So we have to stay active indoors with home workouts and exercises. Robert Points said this, "Stay balling because the grind doesn't stop even during quarantine. End quote."



Seussical, Jr. Oh, the Places They Could Have Gone!

written by Anna Abrahams and Madeleine Mercado

Legacy's FOIL (Fellowship of Inspired Lions) works immensely hard every year to make theater a magical experience. Although the school year has been canceled, it is agreed that this year's Seussical, Jr. would not have disappointed. With creative costumes, ingenious lines, and a diligent cast, this was going to be one of the best productions yet. Katy Evans puts her heart and soul into the Legacy plays and musicals, and it is apparent that she holds a deep love for theater. Whether the next musical is Seussical or something else, it is widely accepted that it is going to be a fantastic performance.

The Seussical cast, which includes Hassyn Carrico, Ali Burkhard, Kendall Holland, Grant Shelby and Kaity Lewis, to name a few, let their love of theater be broadcast throughout their every performance. They are some of the many people who make Legacy's theater program so bright. Without the seniors (Kaity Lewis, Peyton Shupe in the cast and Lena Clarke in the crew) next year, there will be a big hole in FOIL, but there is no doubt that the productions will continue to be amazing. Even though this season has been so forcefully upended, it is a comfort to know that some things will not change, as Costume Chair, Mrs. Gubb, commented on what a blast it has been putting together the costumes for this year's Foil production. "The whimsical, out-there nature of Dr. Seuss's characters has really allowed us to have fun and run with the costumes for this production. We are not constrained by everything being cohesive to a certain time period or era so that has been fun. Also, there is a lot of crazy hair, bright colors and strange characters to outfit which has been both challenging and fun to see come together. I can't wait to see how it all looks on stage for the full production." Hopefully, we will see Legacy's production of Seussical, Jr. someday soon!



Junior High Mission Trip

written by Jaydon Staab



In March, Legacy junior high students took a mission trip to Galveston, Texas. The students worked really hard to serve the community throughout the weekend. They helped with yard work and quite a few maintenance issues through the organization, Galveston Urban Ministries or GUM. GUM's mission is to "develop holistic relationships to transform the community we love." The entire group was hard at work by day but was able to take a break by going to Pleasure Pier afterwards. The entire mission trip was done in a weekend and the group got a lot of work done!

Legacy teacher, Mrs. Gubb said, "We spent our time split between learning about the work of GUM and particularly the nuances of outreach and mission to urban communities. Learning about the challenges these communities face, learning about the realities of poverty and how missions can focus on really doing good in giving these communities God-given dignity and not just throwing a band-aid on the situation or making it worse. The remainder of our time was spent working hard cleaning, painting, building fences, digging curbs and generally working to improve the GUM facilities and community area as well as running a street camp for the children in the community."

Mrs Gubb added, "We also loved spending time together as a group, the junior high kids growing closer, parents and kids getting to know each other better and generally serving the Lord with joyful and willing hearts."

On the Dance Floor with Dad

written by Chloe Gonzalez and Rachel Hamilton

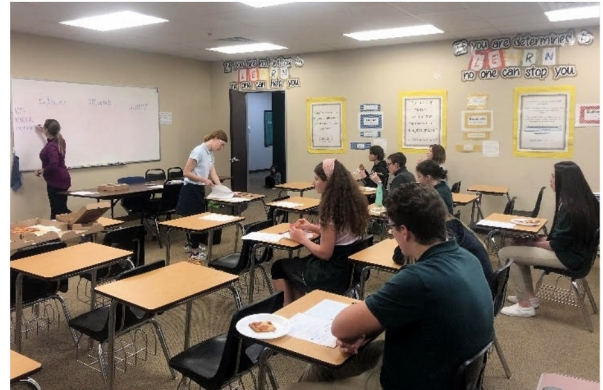
On February 8th, elementary girls had a blast dancing with their dads at the school during the Daddy-Daughter Dance. The dance was held in the school gym. Masquerade was the wonderful theme for the night. With the permission of the high school administration, elementary was allowed to borrow leftover decorations from a previous masquerade dance. These decorations consisted of three enormous, beautiful masks that they hung on the walls. Volunteering moms then enhanced the masks by adding twinkle lights. Making the area more welcoming, they also added colors of gold and silver all over the gym. During the dance, Mrs. Bontrager acted as the DJ and all of the dances were led by the teacher's fun dance moves. However, there was not just dancing that the girls and dads did during

the evening. There was a masquerade mask station where the girls decorated their own masks, and some dads also participated in this craft with making or wearing these handcrafted masks. Games were also set up in the cafeteria. Some of these included "Don't Wake Daddy" and "Operation." Both daughters and dads enjoyed a delicious candy bar as well. As the evening ended, the girls were each gifted with a heart-shaped, red/silver transitioning, sequin pillow. Mrs. Gunn witnessed this event and commented, "The little girls were beautiful and the dads so handsome, and all seemed to enjoy their evening together." The Daddy-Daughter Dance was an amazing event that bonded and entertained our special elementary girls and their dads.



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

written by Kaleb Clayton and Carter Hutton



The World Scholar's Cup knowledge and debate club is underway with its second year at Legacy! The club is run by Mrs. Wyrick and meets weekly. They go around to compete against other schools in four different events - scholar's bowl, collaborative writing, scholar's challenge, and team debate. Subject areas include history, social studies, art and music, literature and media, and science and technology. This is a very interesting club and if you enjoy debating and talking about topics relevant in our time then you would love this club. At the introductory meeting the students had a snack then they discussed the club and what they will be doing when they join.

Like other school clubs and sports, they compete in regionals and nationals, but with World Scholar's Cup we could qualify to compete in another country! This club also helps build skills that will be important later on in life, so it benefits students in the long run. The students participating in the club enjoy it and they say it gives them something to strive for with the competition with other schools. Paityn Smith says, "I love The World Scholar's Cup club because it is a great and fun way to show off what you know and hang out with your friends while having a little fun competition." The World Scholar's Cup is a very enjoyable club to be a part of and if you're interested you should join!

What Legacy Students Miss the Most

written by Carson Lagunas & Will Condley

We surveyed Legacy students about what they have been missing in their lives since the pandemic caused by COVID-19.

Bishop Moorman - seeing friends
Josie Tautfest- leaving her house
Avery Mortman - seeing friends
David May - basketball
Alexa Kerr - misses friends and parties
Carter Hutton - seeing friends
Wyatt Francis - sports and friends are
Alex Monsanto - Basketball
Lexi Elguezabal - cheer
Megan McDonald - Mrs. Gubb

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Ross Donaldson - baseball
Rachel Hamilton - sport events
Trinity Reifsteck - playing sports
Livy Jackson - volleyball tournaments
Michelle Polo - seeing friends
Jordyn Conley- friends
Luke Payne - friends
Chapman Wendell- working out in the weight room
Chloe Rose - seeing my friends
Charlie Kerr - laughing with friends

Legacy Makes Waves

written by Paityn Smith



The Legacy Varsity swim team had a great season with all members, including Cole Carrico, Sean Stepanik, Caroline Freeman, Gavin Gerwick, Luke Henson, Matt Foust, Carson Keyes, Layla Faysal, Paityn Smith, Georgia Freeman, and Serenity Stepanik, making it to the TAPPS Division III state meet in San Antonio. After swimming hard all season and placing third in regionals, the Legacy Lions advanced to state. Competing and hanging out was a fun experience for the whole team. "State was such a blast! Showing off all the hard work we had been doing during practice was so rewarding,"

said Paityn Smith. The drops in times at every meet show how much the team improved throughout the season. Matt Foust said, "This swim season was so fun, I dropped 15 seconds throughout the season to achieve my personal best in the 50 meter freestyle!" Everyone swam hard and all the practicing every morning at 6:30 a.m. paid off. Legacy's Lions ended their season with the boys placing fourth and the girls placing fifth in state. The varsity swim team ended their season with a bang, with high hopes for next season!

Remembering Mr. James

written by Grace Pollet

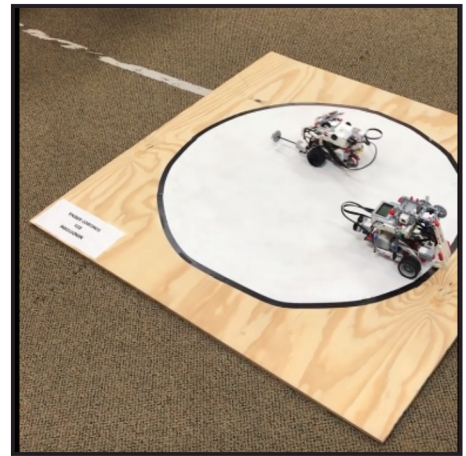
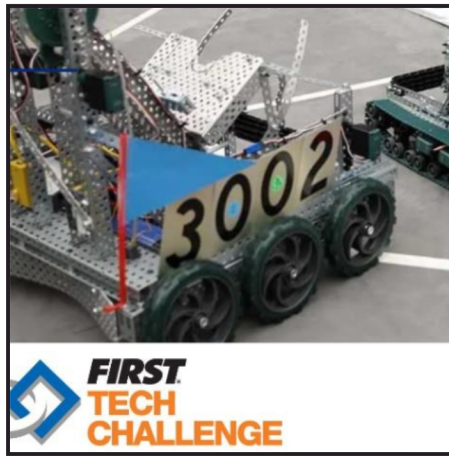


Get Well letters that the students wrote Mr. James and an apron they made for him several years ago.

Mr. James Kittinger worked with Legacy for many years; he was loved by everyone in the school. People loved him as if he was their own grandpa. He had six grandkids, four great grandkids, and two daughters. In his free time, Mr. James loved to garden and listen to music. He was diagnosed with cancer that spread throughout his body, later he fell and broke his hip. Mr. James was loved by many and he especially loved to make people feel loved, happy, and he loved to see people smiling. He loved to be known as "the lunch lady man." "To know him is to love him, he never met a stranger."- Sierra Sacchieri.

Legacy's Robots

written by Zach Brown



The Legacy Programming and Engineering class has recently been building and programming robots using simple parts for complex actions. Legacy's robotics began about three years ago, when teacher Amy Brown formed the program in order to teach high school students how to design, construct, and program robots. They used LEGO MINDSTORM EV3 hardware and ROBOTC (C# based language) programming software in order to control their robots they had built themselves. The students work through team-based challenges, focusing on robotics hardware and underlying technologies, explicit math and science concepts, and the Engineering Process. Occasionally they have in-class team competitions involving building and programming robots with motors and sensors to autonomously interact with their environment while navigating through obstacle courses or in robot-on-robot battles. Freshman, Conner Wilson, says, "This class is a fun way to learn about robots and how they work."

In the fall of this school year, Legacy had its first robotics team go to an outside competition. On January 18th, Legacy's inaugural robotics teams won 1st place at the TCEA Advanced Arena competition at Trinity High School for Area 6 (picture attached). Before spring break, competition team members, Matthew Dick and Caleb Goza, finished redesigning and building a new robotic arm to earn even more points at the TCEA State Competition on April 15th, when, unfortunately, the event was canceled due to COVID 19 concerns. The Legacy robotics team will just remain undefeated this year!

Looking ahead, there are some exciting changes happening next school year for Legacy robotics. First, Legacy Prep was recently awarded grant money from FIRST in Texas and Texas Workforce Commission to start a FIRST Tech Challenge robotics program (attached picture) with two high school teams in the 2020-2021 school year. This will allow Legacy high school students to participate in a robust, advanced robotics program and compete with public and private schools across the state. Legacy will also repurpose the current high school LEGO EV3 robotics kits to be used in a middle school computer elective class to create a new middle school robotics program for 2020-2021. The future awaits within the ever growing Legacy Robotics program.

Senior Spotlight - Twice as Nice

Austin and Emma Messenger

written by Chloe Rose



Twins, Austin and Emma Messenger, are in the Senior Spotlight! Emma has been at Legacy since January 2019 and Austin started in August of 2019. They are originally from San Antonio, Texas. Austin said that he loves being a twin and his favorite thing about Emma is that she is the most caring and loving person. Austin played football at Legacy and he plans on attending either Texas State or Texas A&M for college. He especially enjoys coming to Legacy because of the small classes and our helpful and caring teachers! His favorite class is marine biology, which is also what he plans to major in. For his advice to incoming seniors Austin suggests, "Don't slack off and do all your work or it could come back and bite you at the worst time."

Emma said that she too enjoys being a twin and says that she loves how compassionate Austin is. Emma currently plays golf at Legacy and signed with Florida Gulf Coast University to play golf in college! She also plans on entering the PGA Program at FGCU. Emma says to incoming seniors, "Get involved and be yourself 10000% of the time. We've seen over these last couple of months how life can change in a second so get involved and enjoy every second!" Her favorite class at Legacy is Anatomy and Physiology and she enjoys going to Legacy because she has made some great friends and has had some amazing teachers! She says, "They are really what has made my time at Legacy so special."

Teacher Spotlight – Mrs. Sacchieri More Than Just a Spanish Teacher

Written by Kindle Brown and Avery Kissane

Mrs. Sacchieri, a teacher for some of the Legacy Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 classes, has continued to be an incredible teacher no matter the circumstances. She has completed five years of teaching the wonderful language of Spanish to young and willing students, and hopefully, many more years are still to come. During her first two years, she worked teaching a Spanish class for home-schooled students and the next three years were spent teaching at Legacy. Mrs. Sacchieri was inspired to learn Spanish because the majority of her friends spoke the language. She spent three years during high school learning Spanish, and then spent much more time after to master her skills. Her determination and eagerness to continue allowed her to eventually be able to speak with her friends at both church and school. Now, due to her perseverance, Mrs. Sacchieri is able to teach others to speak Spanish. Although learning another language can



be tedious and frustrating, there are many ways that this can help you in life. "I enjoy getting to practice my Spanish in real-world situations," adds Mrs. Sacchieri. She also enjoys taking part in going on mission trips to Latin America. She says, "The people are so warm and the countries are beautiful." Mrs. Sacchieri is able to use her gift to better communicate with non-believers in Spanish-speaking countries. When not teaching, Mrs. Sacchieri enjoys spending time with family, which consists of five children, four grandchildren, her two dogs, and a grey cat. Her favorite color is coral and her favorite food is lasagna with garlic toast. Mrs. Sacchieri is an excellent role model for all of her students and works very hard teaching others not only Spanish but also about God.

Ratatouille? Covid-19?

written by John Picard

"Ratatouille" - a classic movie that everyone (hopefully) has seen. If you have not seen it, here is a short summary. Ratatouille is about a rat named Remy. Throughout his whole life he aspires to be a chef; the problem is obvious - he's a rat. Against his father's wishes he decides to pursue his passion for cooking. He ends up meeting Linguini, who is a failing chef, and they start cooking. At first it's a mess and things are not really working. Remy ends up having to deal with his troublesome family as well as an exterminator multiple times. As they begin to work together they start to figure out how they can improve themselves and accomplish both of their goals.

This movie has a few interesting themes that I believe can be applied to our modern day. One of the themes that pops out is perseverance. Perseverance is doing something even when it's hard and you're facing difficulties. Another theme is teamwork. Throughout the movie Remy and Linguini work together to accomplish their goals; they communicate and learn how to work together with each other. Covid-19 was sprung upon us interrupting our school year. At times like these it's easy for students to feel like things are kind of crazy. But it's important to remember that God calls us to persevere and work together to accomplish our goals, and ultimately His goals for our lives.