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Isaac Newton and the Class of 2020

I first 'met' Isaac in high school. I thought he was brilliant and had great hair. (Hey, this was when hair bands were popular!) Although he had died in 1727, that didn't stop me from appreciating everything he said, especially his laws of motion. I still remember and refer to them today!

In fact, I am going to apply one of his laws to the graduating Class of 2020.

Law III: For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

From a purely physical standpoint, this law is applied every time we walk, drive a car, or send a rocket ship into space.

But I believe it can be applied in a much larger sense in life. (Okay, I may be taking a few liberties with Isaac's profound wisdom but, since I'm his biggest fan, I don't think he will object.)

When something affects our lives to an enormous degree, like a pandemic, I fully expect to see something happening to an enormous degree in the opposite direction.

Nutley High School's Class of 2020 was locked out of their school three months before graduation as a highly-transmittable virus brought our entire nation, and the world, to a standstill. Although they resumed their education online, their senior year was not at all what they had dreamed it would be.

According to Isaac, that would constitute a major force in one direction.

According to me, I expect the Class of 2020 to experience a major force, of the same magnitude, in the opposite, and positive, direction.

Although the remainder of their education took place virtually, the daily reality and presence of the pandemic gave these students powerful life lessons. Read about how they coped, adapted, and planned for their futures.

I hope they always remember this issue of *Nutley Neighbors* and know that both Isaac and I are predicting phenomenal things for them based on the laws of motion.

And just so you know, Isaac understood about quarantines firsthand. He was isolated during the Great Plague of London (starting in 1665), which is when he engaged in groundbreaking discoveries that marked his 'years of wonder.'

I can't wait to see what the Class of 2020 will accomplish!



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Class of 2020 *Unbeatable and Unstoppable*

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Brian McCormack

Nutley High School's Class of 2020 made an appearance in more than just their yearbooks. You'll find mention of this group of grads in the history books—due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This highly-infectious virus resulted in a wave of shut-downs, curfews, quarantines, and restrictions which made their way around the world, to our country, to New Jersey, and even our own Nutley schools. Although social distancing guidelines kept this group physically apart, they will always be connected through this unique experience, the challenges it brought, and the adaptations they made.

Nutley Neighbors magazine has the privilege of introducing you to some of the seniors who shared their thoughts on this year, how they continued their academics, and their plans for the future.

■ RAJ PAGHDAL *Class of 2020 President*

The pandemic certainly put a wrench into all of our plans for

senior year. From the little events like Commitment Day and yearbook signing, to the bigger events such as the prom and graduation, the experiences we were supposed to enjoy slipped out of our hands. We were approaching a point in senior year that was stress-free and a time to make memories that we'd carry on forever. Finding alternatives was hard, but as a class, we couldn't just sit and sulk. We adapted by having hours' worth of video and audio conversations, and by participating in challenges that made use of our time.

My own future plans have not changed, but it is still uncertain if I will spend my first semester of college in Nutley or on campus.

■ ALLYSSA BOVASSO-PIGNATARO

I never thought that school would actually close, and when it did, it was a big shock for me and the rest of my classmates and friends. It all happened at once. One second, I was in school living a normal life, and the next thing I knew, that was all flipped upside down. I missed my last track and field

season, the prom, and a regular graduation.

If I'm being completely honest, it was very hard.

I had already committed to college about a month before any of this started so my plans stay as is, and it is easier for me since I will be staying at home for college.

■ ABIGAIL SCHEIDEL

This pandemic significantly changed my senior year. My classmates and I missed out on events that we had been looking forward to all four years of high school. I adapted to these changes by trying my best to follow a schedule. I did my schoolwork every day and then some form of exercise in order to stay healthy and in shape. I also looked for ways to improve my basketball skills. This pandemic has taught me to cherish the people who I love and to never take advantage of my everyday routine. Someone very close to me was greatly affected by COVID-19, and even though he is on the road to recovery, it showed me how



fragile life really is and the severity of this situation.

I hope that our world will revert to normal so I can spend time with my friends and family before I am off to Muhlenberg College in the fall.

■ CAMERON SCHILP

COVID-19 impacted people worldwide and I am not an exception. All of the events I had planned had been canceled. This pandemic devastated my senior year, baseball season, prom, and Memorial Day weekend plans. More importantly, it has prevented me from making lasting memories in the last few months. It was hard at first to adapt to these changes because I am not usually home. But I made the best of it by spending time with my family, taking walks and bike rides, working out, cooking and watching shows like *Outer Banks* and *Sopranos* start to finish. One thing I realized during these times is that even though life is terrible right now, you always have to stay positive and find something to do that makes you happy.

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I am excited to be attending West Virginia University in the fall to major in finance. The future is what kept me hopeful during this tough time.

■ BRIAN MCCORMACK

The COVID-19 pandemic brought my senior year to a standstill, canceling the prom, graduation, and my final spring track season. I adapted to the change by trying to focus on my next step in life: college. I plan to attend The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) this fall and major in economics. I am really looking forward to going away to college. I have also been spending my time working at the Centre Ridge Garden Center.

I wish all of my fellow classmates and graduates good luck and best wishes in the future.

■ SHANNON GRANELLI

The last few months of senior year have always served as a culmination of thirteen years of hard work, thirteen grades, three schools, three hundred students, and, now, three months lost by the Class of 2020, never to be recovered. It hurts, not being able to see the teachers you have learned from for the last four years, or talking through a screen to some of the people who have impacted the very course of your life. Missing these milestones feels like a gaping

wound, but the Class of 2020 has always persisted, and we will continue to do so.

We made the best of our last moments with our teachers and friends, who sent their love, congratulations, and support for us through typed words on the screen, just as real as any spoken truths. We will always remember the halls of NHS, the (at times) weird smells coming from the culinary rooms on the second floor, and the crowded cafeteria intersection. Even if we never have a chance to step into the building we have lived in for the last four years, we will never forget our roots as we keep our eyes and hearts towards the future and whatever may come to us as alumni of Nutley High School.

■ ANTHONY DEPERISIO

The pandemic has taken my senior year away from me and a lot of once-in-a-lifetime experiences, such as prom and graduation, which have been stripped away, and it is very disappointing. This, however, barely scratches the surface of how I've been affected in that my father contracted the virus quite early into the stay-at-home directive. He was hospitalized for almost a month and it has left a permanent mark on my senior year. It was an extremely nerve-racking time, and something I will never forget because my dad's recovery was far from guaranteed. We did get lucky though, and he

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pulled through, but not until after a lot of fighting.

I adapted to the changes by playing PS4 online with my close friends every day, which was a great way to keep in touch, and I made sure to keep myself occupied with school work and various activities to help the hours pass. Distractions have been key in getting through the quarantine without driving myself crazy.

My college plans have not changed; I'll continue to go down the path I had set prior to this tragic event. It's more meaningful than ever to me now to ensure I go to college and become a cardiovascular surgeon.

■ DANIEL MILETIC

The pandemic has added an extra level of unexpected stress as I am sure everyone, including our teachers, have experienced. I wasn't able to enjoy my last year celebrating graduation with my friends and fellow classmates. I found ways of keeping myself busy; besides playing video games, I started taking long bike rides and daily walks around my neighborhood (with my mask on of course).

Also, I'm a musician so I focused my energy and released my frustrations by playing my guitar, composing music, and recording it.

The pandemic has not changed my career path. I'm still planning to study music in college, and I realize the power of music is so important and not just in times like this. It's part of human communication and is therapeutic. Music is my passion and has helped me to get rid of some of my frustrations, relieve stress, and it's a great escape.

As I reflect upon my experience during the pandemic, I realize how much I took for granted, like the simple things in my life: family gatherings, going out to eat with my friends, guitar lessons or rehearsals. It's important to appreciate everything we've been given, especially our family and friends.



Smeilin Reyes Abad

■ SMEILIN REYES ABAD

The way this pandemic affected my senior year is that I really wanted to see myself dressed for my graduation. I adapted little by little because it was a very difficult situation with the fear of being infected. I believe that the pandemic has not affected my studies. It's overwhelming to know that many people have died from this, mainly older people, but I am glad that some countries have already ended their fight with COVID-19.

■ MICHAEL CAPOBIANCO

With my AP classes and role as Captain for the Nutley HS Rowing Team, this pandemic forced me to change many aspects of my academic and extracurricular careers. I've spent the last four years rowing on the Passaic River during the spring season and was appointed to the position of captain in my junior year. I missed being able to see my friends and participate in clubs such as CORE, Student Ambassadors, and National Honor Society. In order to adapt to our changing climate, I have been taking online courses but, unfortunately,

was not able to participate in the rest of the spring rowing season. I now spend my time practicing hobbies like playing guitar and taking photographs. I appreciate all the time and experiences gathered from Nutley High School and look forward to a safer future in college.

I am very excited to be attending Rutgers University-New Brunswick in the fall at the School of Arts and Sciences.

■ VICTORIA ROSE CAPUTO

The pandemic affected my senior year tremendously. I will never get a chance to say goodbye to some of my friends and teachers. Senior class trips and experiences we dreamed about since we were little won't happen. I will never walk through the halls of NHS again. It was very heart-breaking and all of my friends felt the same, so we came



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together and helped each other. There were many up and down days, but taking our minds off it certainly helped. My mom and aunt helped a lot as well! I wish this didn't have to happen, but it made us stronger for the future and taught us we can't always get our way.

In the fall, I will be attending Monmouth University with five of my friends to create memories together there that we couldn't do this year.

■ MONICA RUBENS

This pandemic has tried to kill the spirit of the Class of 2020. We had worked so hard and our last couple of months at NHS was taken from us. This pandemic has taken events like the prom and graduation away from us. With the dedication from, not only the staff at NHS, but the unity from the community, I've adapted by staying close to my family and taking this time to strengthen myself.

■ SAMANTHA GABRIELE

The pandemic has not only taken away some of the most exciting months of every student's long-awaited senior year, such as my final track season and last classes with my favorite teachers, but it also took away my ability to see my friends and family before everyone goes to college. Like most, I adapted by taking advantage of the technology we have as well as hanging out with my friends from

a distance, but I miss my normal routine.

My college and career plans have not been affected by the pandemic, but it definitely increased my stress. Overall, I just wish things weren't this way, but what I missed the most was seeing my friends and family.

■ KRISTINA LOPOMO

The pandemic basically ruined my senior but, I tried to keep positive. I adapted to the changes by going to work and doing online schooling, but I didn't like not being in a classroom with all the other students. I am happy and grateful that I got in my final soccer season in the fall.

My college and career plans have been put on hold for now because of all the uncertainty.

■ CHASE NICOLETTE

I'm terribly sad to have missed the end of my senior year; missing all the time I should have spent with my classmates before we all leave for different colleges. In August, I committed to attend a small university in rural Vermont to study meteorology and atmospheric science only to find out in late April, that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school might not have the financial resources to stay open after the upcoming academic year, a fate, I fear, many small colleges and universities will be facing now.

I've decided, instead, to attend Penn State University in



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the fall. I will still be majoring in meteorology, which has been my career choice since kindergarten, just in a different place than I thought I would be in when I started my senior year. I want to wish my fellow members of the Class of 2020 all the best for the future.

■ BRANDON VELASQUEZ

This pandemic is probably the last thing I could have imagined happening to anyone. Over the course of a week, it went from one or two distant classmates joking about it, to everyone being forced out of school. I'll have an interesting story to tell anybody for the next decade or longer, but I seriously wish I had the remainder of my school year back. I'm glad I had the physical accompaniment of my family and virtual company of my friends too. I also want to keep my plans for college on a steady route, even if I'll be stuck doing some of it at home. However, if there's one thing from these past months that'll stay with me for the rest of my life is the fact that you'll never realize how much you really need something until it's gone. I hope any senior graduates of future years are met with better circumstances than the graduating class of 2020.

■ DOMINIC DINORSCIO

The pandemic has made me realize to never take the little things for granted and that I should not be in such a rush to grow up. I remember thinking 'I can't wait for school to be over' or rushing through the school years wishing for summer. Now, I would give anything to walk the halls with my friends again. We missed out on so many more of these moments. I also lost my last season of baseball and

spending time with my teammates. The good thing that came out of this is that I spent more time with my family. We had dinner together every night and played board games. These are things we would not normally have done because of our busy schedules. Although this has been a difficult time for me, I realize many have lost loved ones and fell ill themselves; my thoughts are with them. Thank you to all the essential workers who never stopped working for all of us... I am forever grateful.

My college plans have not changed; I am looking forward to starting Montclair State University in the fall.



Anaïs St. Amant's artwork inspired by the quarantine

■ MOHRAIEL BOTROS

This pandemic has affected my graduation, prom, and the plans I had before college. We missed out on the most memorable time in our lives. My first semester of college might be online which changes all the plans I had. Staying home is keeping us alive and safe, so hopefully, we'll be able to enjoy the summer. I would like for all the high schools to be patient until this pandemic is over so we can have our graduating ceremony.

■ ANAÏS ST. AMANT

When I was in elementary school, senior year felt like a lifetime away. Now, it seems as if it ended all too soon. I would have liked a fulfilling closure to these past four years and to say goodbye to all the teachers who have helped me along the way. But while I do wish our year could have ended normally, keeping people healthy and slowing down the spread of the virus was more important. I hope that our class can have a ceremony later this year when things have calmed down. ■

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How the Nutley High School Prom Came to Be Held Outside the Gym

By Barry Lenson, President of the Nutley High School Class of 1967 and Nutley Museum Art Historian

I feel bad for you Nutley High School seniors who will not have a prom this year. I hope that this article, which tells the story of how the prom "escaped" from the NHS gym for the first time in 1967, will cheer you up.

■ What the Prom Was Like Before 1967

Up through 1966, the prom was held in the gym at Nutley High. Every year, a committee did such a fine job of decorating the place that if you looked around, it was difficult to tell that you were in the gym at all. But some people, me included, thought that we deserved to have our prom somewhere else – somewhere more memorable. I decided to try to get that to happen.

A New Tradition: A Senior From Outside of School



DR PROM — More than 500 seniors and guests attended evening's Senior Prom at the Westmont Country West Paterson. The event marked the first time the Prom has been held outside of the high school gym, but, predicted principal David H. Broffman, it won't last. A new tradition has been set and next year's class already has made plans for its prom to be staged at the Westmont. In addition to the huge dance floor, couples enjoyed strolls around the country club's pool and yard, and the outside patio, where this scene was taken, proved popular with the young people. Seen here, from left, are George Rademacher, Rosemarie Simone, Nina Masonson, Donald Mangaw, Janice Walcheske and Bob Dymek. Entertainment by the Orleans was a prom feature.

There was really no reason why I was the right person to get anything to happen. I didn't hold class office. I didn't really do too much of anything. But one day, one

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of the guys I ate lunch with in the cafeteria said to me, "You should run for class president . . . maybe you'd win."

I didn't think I stood the slightest chance, but I ran anyway. Then the day came when the three other candidates and I gave our campaign speeches in the high school auditorium.

I walked up to the podium and started out by saying that it seemed so unfair to me that every year the town would spend thousands of dollars to install another new language lab, that those labs never worked, and that meanwhile there were no lockers in the metal shop where we could store our projects. Some of the teachers in the audience looked glum to hear me say that - I was mouth-ing off. (I recall saying, "I will build them myself.") But because the students were cheering, I pushed the envelope a little further.

"And another thing," I said, "we deserve to have our prom outside of the gym. We need a real prom, not a glorified record hop!"

Then the audience pretty much erupted. I remember looking into the hall and seeing that Penny Coates, a member of our class, was laughing so hard that I could actually see her tonsils.

When the class voted, I won on the first ballot. I was amazed. A few weeks later, David Broffman, our principal, and I went to tour the Westmount Country Club, which

seemed like a good place to hold our prom. I remember that Mr. Broffman was driving a really neat new Ford Mustang.

■ Our Class Makes Plans

I appreciated the fact that he was going to help our class hold our first prom outside of the high school. When we got to the Westmount and started talking, I was surprised to learn that our class had a big enough budget to hire not only a dance band, but also The Orlons, a really good Motown singing group that had recorded several big hits, including "Meet Me on South Street." Our class voted.

■ Did we want The Orlons? Yes, we did.

So we were pretty much set. And when our prom night came, it was beautiful. I don't remember too much about it all actually, but I do remember that the final slow dance of the night seemed to last forever. My date, Betsy, and I rocked back and forth and back and forth until I thought my feet were going to fall off.

So back in 1967, our class established a tradition that has endured until today - a prom held outside the gym! I wish you had had a prom too. But mostly, I wish you every joy and success in the years to come. Prom or no prom, things will be wonderful for you. And just like oldsters like me, someday you will look back at your years in Nutley High and remember just how wonderful they were. ■



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By Jeanne Sylvester, Supervising Librarian



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Four Nutley High School Wrestlers Compete at NJSIAA Tournament in Atlantic City

Submitted by Joyce Corey



The four state qualifiers and the coaching staff. Top left to right: Coaches Ralphie DiPasquale, Nick Ritacco, Billy Searle, Jacob Gonzalez, Sal Mainiero, Nick Polewka, Coach Neal Picillo
Bottom left to right: Head Coach Mike DiPiano and Coach Anthony Montes



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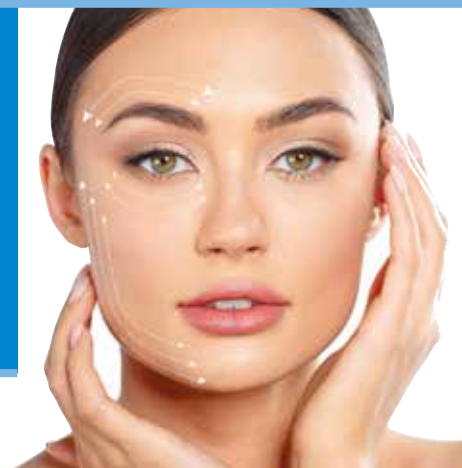
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No, that's not the voice of a referee counting during a wrestling match, that's the number of Nutley High School wrestlers who advanced to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) championships which were held at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. The event was held for three days in March, from the 5th-7th, but it created some lifetime memories for several of our town's high school wrestlers.

Representing Nutley this year was Billy Searle, Sal Mainiero, Nicolas Polewka, and Jacob Gonzalez. Gonzalez, Mainiero, and Searle came in third in their weight classes, while Polewka finished fourth. But all of them won an experience to remember.

For Billy Searle, "the experience was amazing. The competition level was intense since no one gets to that point unless they were very good."



Nutley Coach Beal Picillo, Athletic Director Joe Piro, teammates, and fans going crazy after Nick Polewka qualifies for the state tournament

Searle is a junior who started wrestling in his freshman year and did exceptionally well to get to the state finals. He also plays football. In college, he will compete in sports, either football or wrestling.

It was Sal Mainiero's dream of competing in Atlantic City, but it was not his first time attending the championship events since his two older brothers had participated and placed at the event in previous years. Nevertheless, Mainiero

said it was "the greatest experience. Since I'm a junior, I can try it again next year." In college, he may continue wrestling.

Although Mainiero seems to come from a family of wrestlers, he did not immediately love the sport. "My dad signed me up when I was six and I hated it. I think I cried for the first month until I finally realized it was something I really wanted to continue doing."

Nick Polewka is also a junior. "It was great going down



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there for the championships," he said. "I saw it as a learning experience for next year so I will know what to expect. I'm not sure if I will continue to wrestle in college, although a few schools already reached out to me."

Jacob Gonzalez, a senior, said, "It was great going there with some of my best friends whom I had been wrestling with since kindergarten. It was a fun experience and wonderful to be around the coaches. We had some hard breaks but the goal was getting there and competing." Gonzalez will be going to Johnson & Wales University next year and will continue wrestling.

To Coach Mike DiPiano, each of these wrestlers made a significant accomplishment for Nutley High School as well as a mark of excellence in their own careers. His thoughts and comments about each of them reflect his pride in all of them.

"Jacob Gonzalez had a great career as a Raider. His goal was to make it to Atlantic City as a senior and he fulfilled that goal. He came up just short of 100 wins in his career and he is going to be missed in our line-up."

"Sal Mainiero had a fantastic season and capped it off by winning a match at the state's finals in Atlantic City. He is capable of being on the podium next year and we are looking for him to achieve that goal."

"Nick Polewka had one of the most unbelievable runs in the region's tournament. He continued to knock off wrestlers who defeated him during the year to qualify for

States. His win to qualify is one of my favorite coaching moments of all time."

"Billy Searle had an outstanding junior campaign and, at times, was dominant throughout the season. He is hungry to get back to the state's finals next year and place in the top eight, and we feel he has a great shot at doing that."

With the high level of commitment to the sport that the wrestlers and coaches have always given to this sport, the NJSIAA tournament in Atlantic City next year should be very exciting for Nutley High School. ■

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