

Quarantine with my Family

By: Jack Koch

When I first heard that school was going to be out I was so excited. Then I heard there was a pandemic going on and we couldn't go anywhere. I was not so excited. A pandemic is a world wide virus and it was the first in my lifetime. My children, when I was 10 and this first happened, I think everyone thought it would be like summer break, where you could go places. During the corona virus outbreak, my family and I had new experiences and adventures together. Sometimes it was scary. My mom worried about us getting sick, and we really did not go anywhere. It was tough, and I missed out on some fun things during my 5th grade year, but we became stronger as a family, and I made new memories.

My family and I spent more time together than ever. I worked on the farm with dad and Taylor. And most days I came in at 10:00 and spent the rest of the day with mom and Nate. As a family we watched movies and mom and I started reading a book called the Outsiders. During this time I changed and learned a lot. One good thing is that I lived on a farm. I had an opportunity to learn new things that were important too. I got better at mowing and worked for Grandpa and Uncle Gus. I really enjoyed working with Grandpa. He told me lots of stories of his childhood, and this was a nice chance to get to spend more time with him. This time also changed my mind about things. Before, I wanted to be a lawyer, but during this time, I changed my mind and dreamed of buying the farm from dad with my friends JJ Jackson and Joe Ftrich.

School changed a lot as well. On our last day, we didn't know it would be our last day for the year. It was hard that I didn't make better memories that day. We could not be together at school anymore because people didn't understand how the virus worked or how it was spread. Later, we found out that children were mostly safe, but my brother had lung issues, and I had terrible allergies, so it was better for us to stay at home with just our family members. We started having what we called NTI days. Mom had to pick up my work and we had to do it at home. My teacher, Ms. Langfels, started doing zoom meetings on the computer so we could see each other and she could teach us our lessons. They were very productive and I liked them alot. Communicating in general had gotten harder. I could still text and call my friends, but it was not the same as seeing them in person. Also that I was in 5th grade, I was sad that I would be missing some things I had been waiting for. Like graduation, field trips, and just the fun times with my friends. I also had made the middle school baseball team, but never had the chance to have the game with my new team. All sports were cancelled for the year. It was sad to end my last year at St. Mary like this. Some of my class won't go to the same school anymore. I was sad because I might never see some of my classmates ever again. But my friend JJ Jackson once said "At a small school like this, friends are more than friends, they are family."

Birthdays, holidays, and church were all things that were harder as well. My cousin Robert had a birthday during this time, and I started thinking about what I would do if this was still going on in June. Some of his friends had a zoom meeting with him and I Facetimed him later in the day. We had Easter which was a little lonely. We got dressed up in nice clothes and watched church, then had a family supper. For church we just watched it on Facebook live. A lot of churches started doing video church because it was dangerous for so many people to gather together in a building. It was different, but I'm glad that we got to do that much. I missed going up to my Nana's house and having a big dinner with my cousins. We did go over to Grandma and Grandpa Koch's house and said hello to them through the window of their side porch. It reminded me how important holidays are with your other family members, when you miss doing the things and the traditions that you normally do.

So this is what my family did during quarantine. This quarantine was something that I have always remembered. It was a big event in my life and it was history that we were living. It is something that has been important for me to remember to tell the future generations. It changed the way everyone lived. Businesses were closed, families became closer, school life was also different. The whole country changed and many people were nervous that nothing would be the same ever again. I remember that this time had some good things and some bad things. We actually had time to do more things than school work and tv. Time seemed to slow down. We read books, played, worked, and we became closer as a family. It was shaky at times, and I didn't love it all the time, but we worked together to get through it as a family, and it is something I have always remembered.

The Year When I Was Quarantined

By Aiden Murray

In the year 2020 the coronavirus outbreak in China spread to the rest of the world. Eventually, it reached my town of Paris, KY when I was 11 and participating at St. Mary School. Then life as we knew it changed in many unfortunate ways. Social distancing was enacted causing schools, shops and businesses to close. Family time took up way more time than in the past. This was the coronavirus.

With schools closed, teachers had to find other ways to teach. So the teachers set up NTI packets. Each student got a packet full of work to do during quarantine and had to turn it in the following Monday. My teacher communicated with students through Zoom whose business was booming. Zoom allowed you to see and hear people without actually being there.

Travel was originally just restricted to China, but then the virus managed to cross the border and got into Europe. Then travel was restricted to everywhere else. Travel between states was also limited. People rarely left their homes for any reason besides buying groceries. Luckily, no one had to pay a lot for gas.

At that time, America was the country with the most cases so when everybody wasn't scared to death there was some fun. For example, my dad pulled a tandem bike out of the garage and we rode it, it was so exciting. Our mom **NEVER** let us play electronics during the week but then she reclassified Minecraft as a boost in our creativity. The extra time together allowed us to have family soccer games when the weather was fine. Unlike me my dog probably loved quarantine since we were at home so much. She was so happy she ran around the yard like a fluffy bullet.

The corona virus brought many changes to my life and to the lives of others. Gas was cheaper but we didn't have anywhere to go. Schools became abandoned while homes became occupied. While people were melancholy, our pets were happy to have us home. This was the coronavirus.

Corona cation

By: Robert Koch

Monday, March 16 is when it started. We were out of school because of the Corona virus for more than 5 weeks. The county that I live in had the first known case of Corona in Kentucky. When my teacher said that we were out of school I was so happy. Then I realized I could not have friends over. I was so sad.

The next school day was actually a homeschool day! I opened my eyes and I got to work on my packet. I was so overwhelmed. I thought I had so much work and I cried. Once I finished my work and ate lunch, I played games for the rest of my day (#superfun). That was my first day and pretty much week (except the crying). The weeks that followed we had the same routine.

Church was different. We watched it on TV while sitting on a gigantic couch which we moved from downstairs. Before we had a small couch and chair but now that has changed. Dad filmed mass for our church. We would eat on the couch and watch mass at the same time. My family would much rather be at church than at home because at home it just feels wrong.

Church was not the only thing that closed because of the Corona virus. School was also closed so we had to do NTI packets from home. Toilet paper was low and hard to find. Restaurants were closing so less food for every family. Of course, the thing that pops up gets the most panic.

You may have been wondering how I kept in touch with my friends. I used my moms' phone to face time them. Once I talked to my friends for 40 straight minutes! It was great to

see their faces again. I had not seen them in 3 weeks! That is how I communicated with them. I think they also were glad to see each other.

The past few weeks have been the least favorite time at St. Mary school. I hated the Corona virus. I prayed for a cure. I also forgot to mention the zoom meetings we had (virtual class) they were good and fun. This is most of what I remember of my time during corona cation.

Life in 2020

By Jaxon Bezeau

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It all started my 5th grade year, Governor Beshear was shutting down schools left and right. Then it was our turn. My teacher made the announcement, I was so excited. It turns out I should not have been. The corona virus took me and everyone by surprise. Family time, friendships, and school work were more different than ever.

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I got to spend a lot of time with my family because everything was shut down and we had to stay at home. We did tons of projects and watched a lot of movies. My favorite project was painting the poolroom floor. I loved this project because I found it very fun and productive. I also enjoyed playing outside.

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My friends and I did not get to see each other because of social distancing. Social distancing is where people have to stay a certain length apart. We did not get to see or play with each other. We used zoom to stay in contact. Zoom is an app that allowed us to see and talk to each other. We used it when we had school lesson.

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No matter how hard I tried I could not get a break from school. My teacher prepared N.T.I. packets. N.T.I. was basically school work at home. If I needed help I had to call my teacher. I preferred to work at school. That is because at home there are a lot more distractions. Working at home was awful.

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Living through the corona virus wasn't the worst thing. There were some ups and some downs. I loved all the projects and the time out side and being with my family. But it was awful not being with my friends. I hope in my life time I never see anything like that ever again.

THE 2020 SCARE

BY GRACE STAMPER

It was a long Friday in March, when our teacher said that we might not have school. She thought we would. Turns out we didn't. We didn't due to COVID-19, corona virus. COVID-19 is a pandemic that started in China in 2020. It fastly sped to the U.S.A. Then it was harsh lockdown.

There was no school for months! Even though we didn't go to school we still did NTI packets. Those are packets we had to pick up on Monday and drop off the next Monday. For class meetings we did a app called zoom. That's like a class facetime.

The worst part about all of this was no friends. I always went to friends' houses so this was awful to me! I would ask to go somewhere. Always a no. I did however; have friends in my neighborhood to play with. I did miss my other friends.

There was this thing called quarantine. It's lock down, in your home. The Governor Andy Beshear would come on the news and say how many deaths and cases. We didn't go anywhere other than the groceries. All shops and everything were closed. I was going stir crazy.

Well, what did you think about my little history lesson? It was definitely hard to talk about. Was it what your thought it was? I hope you never go through that. I'm surprised you were interested.