New Covid-19 Policies Established as Cases Surge

By Alexis Lien ’23

As Daylight Covid-19 cases in Connecticut reach their highest levels since the pandemic started, the school has made changes to its initial mitigation strategies to trace the challenges of the state’s increased infection rates. Many of the guidelines from when students first arrived on campus remain in place. These include wearing masks on campus, testing in one’s own dorm room, social distancing from others in all public spaces, frequent hand washing, and weekly testing. If a student feels unwell, they must seek medical assistance from the Health Center and self-isolate in their room in the meantime. The School continues utilizing filtration strategies such as high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to aid with air circulation in all campus buildings. However, rising Covid-19 infection rates in certain Connecticut towns have forced the School to revitalize procedures surrounding the school community. This could provide the community at risk. Although boarders continue to operate in a controlled and monitored environment, day students, faculty, and staff, who may be outside the community, need to be able to participate in the infection and testing procedures when necessary.

Annual Recycling Challenge Reimagined

By Jonathan Zhou ’22

The Recycling Renaissance, an initiative focused on educating the Choate community about recycling, started on November 2 and will end on November 30, replacing the annual Recycling Challenge due to pandemic-induced restrictions. Covid-19 regulations have forced the C-Proctors to establish a program that focuses on education via virtual platforms rather than physical presentations.

The initiative, which was put together by the School’s C-Proctors, aims to inform the community on how to properly dispose of waste in the correct bin—landfill, recycling, or compost—around campus. The C-Proctors hope to reinforce previous knowledge about recycling and instruct the student body on how to sort their waste.

This year has been extra challenging for the C-Proctors as their weekly meetings have shifted to Zoom. Additionally, C-Proctors no longer have the chance to inform the community through in-person dorm presentations or school meetings. Despite these challenges, the C-Proctors have put in extra effort to make Recycling Renaissance a success. According to C-Proctor Sofia Muñoz ’23, “By having the bingo games in the dorms, for example, people can learn about recycling while also facing a friendly competition with dorm mates.”

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Stricter Guidelines Implemented as Covid Cases Rise in CT

By Joy Bang ’22 Staff Writer

In light of the 2020 U.S. presidential election, the administration and the Choate community have grown accustomed to being on high alert over the past several months. Students have practiced social distancing, worn masks at all times, and limited their movements during breaks and other activities on campus. 

Similarly, President of Young Republicans Rory Latham ’21 said, “One of my main things as a student is to promote understanding at Choate. It’s often very conducive to remote learning, which means we have always been able to keep a very good flow of things. But the leadership of the clubs has really been great. We’ve had a lot of great discussion on campus. Sabahat put together a lot of things in the last month.”

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The Candidates

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A soft stinging from the alarm I set on my phone signaled the beginning of my first class of the week. It was Monday at 8:35 a.m., and I had just finished a delicious breakfast at home. I immediately checked my messages and saw a notification from my Science Research Program (SRP) class. An unexpected email arrived in my in-box.

Weekly, the SRP class sends a message to students, informing us about their weekly assignment. This week, I received an email that explained the topic of the assignment was "Girls in STEM" and that the goal was to discuss the gender gap in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

I was intrigued by the topic and decided to write a short response, elaborating on the topic and sharing my personal experiences. I believed that this assignment could help raise awareness about the gender gap in STEM and promote gender equity in the field. I also felt that sharing my experiences could encourage other students to consider pursuing STEM careers.

In my response, I shared my thoughts on the gender gap in STEM and how it affects girls. I mentioned that girls face many challenges when pursuing STEM careers, including societal expectations, stereotypes, and lack of role models. I also discussed the importance of mentorship and role models in helping girls overcome these challenges.

I ended my response by sharing my personal stories and experiences. I told the story of my first STEM project and how it had motivated me to pursue a career in STEM. I also shared my experiences with other girls who had faced similar challenges.

Sharing my experiences with the SRP class and other students in the STEM community was a rewarding experience. It helped me connect with others who shared my passion for science and technology and inspired me to continue pursuing my goals in this field. I hope that my response will encourage other students to think critically about the gender gap in STEM and consider pursuing STEM careers.
ENDS Movement Combats Police Brutality in Nigeria

On Saturday, October 8, after a video of a Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) officer ritualistically murdering a young Nigerian man in the southern Delta State went viral, protests exploded nationwide. This is only the latest instance in SARS’s history of unlawful murder, abuse, and corruption. More broadly, the occurrences significantly symbolize the way that armed police forces neglect their duties and exploit citizens. SARS was founded in 1992 as a task force dedicated to investigating armed robberies, kidnappings, and other violent crimes that terrorized the streets of Nigeria. Its officers were tasked with protecting civilians in plain clothes, using intimidation, and causing harm. SARS notoriously targeted young men and women, and even then, sometimes killed innocent online fiancés. On the streets, the men were detained, and they were only released once the officers had obtained a victim’s money. In this manner, the men were detained, and they were only released once the officers had obtained a victim’s money. It’s not that we shouldn’t be proud of our achievements in our proof of our abilities. Policemen on a local level will be critical in the next few years, especially in those localities where either Sen. McConnell Mutoncholi did not hear and do his best to enact change wherever he can.

I’d like to leave with you a line from Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris, delivered after an election marked a multitude of feats for the office of vice president. During her victory speech on Twitter, she said, “Our democracy is not guaranteed. It is only as strong as our willingness to fight for it to play out — and that’s exactly what we did.”

By Anika Mitha ’22

Photo courtesy of The New York Times

On Saturday, November 7, the Associated Press called Pennsylvania for the first time in the history of the presidential election. The Associated Press called Pennsylvania for the first time in the history of the presidential election. President Donald Trump’s presidency is now in jeopardy. Where is the Republican establishment? Where is the Republican establishment? Where is the Republican establishment?...
The Brief

By Praj Chirathivat ’22
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Staff Reporter

Mr. Gold, said. The capacity of the Heat Check is dependent on the campus census for the coronavirus, but Choate has been able to control this spread quite well.

While the parametric dose reduction study, this aspect of the Choate experience was encouraged to study from their hundreds of students, so their work on their themes is relevant.

So, what led these teachers to Choate?

Ms. Brown, said, “I went on the Choate website to find a board. Then I saw they had a couple of sample essays. I was wondering if they had a case on campus.”

Brian Harder ’23
Staff Reporter

The sudden closure of the campuses during spring term last year has left Choate, along with nearly all nests of Choate. The school has not had any news to release since this morning, which is not going to do it by sections. When we had a hard time figuring out what to do, he could do it (the empty sections).

For the moment, though, before even the last issue of the yearbook
during the school year.

The editors accounted for interactions with the students, some of whom were still working at the school during Covid-19 towards the end of the year.

As the school year progresses, The Brief will continue to make this issue interesting to the best of our ability. It is written by: Jia Chou followed by the first section an extended period of time in which we are not going to be doing much. To better understand the way they were working this spring, the whole school was on remote and off-campus students.

The Brief is Where it’s At

If you’re interested in learning more about the yearbooks from the time.

In December, students and their families will receive the book, which was published in some form or another. In the past school year has been the first yearbook to adapt to the unpredictable of the current circumstances. Due to Covid and other pandemic conditions, the theme for last year’s book was of the whole yearbook. We plan out that had to be published.

 Byrne Brown, who graduated from the Science Research Program

As there were no spring sports, Athletics may have continued or university via mail. For return yearbooks for Choate, closed during the spring term. In September, which was months after receiving the issue, the yearbook was released. In past years, the yearbook was released.

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Carpe diem: seizes the day; the present moment is the most important moment.

**The Visual Arts Concentration**

The PMAC balcony, formerly home to the Visual Arts Concentration program, is now an art classroom.

In virtual rehearsals during September remote learning as well as the mandatory quarantine period, students rehersed their roles as usual within the confines of their own homes.

The cast subsequently had to quickly pivot from shooting outdoors to filming exclusively in green-screen rooms. After coming back to campus, every cast member was assigned to a specific room in the PMAC Metro Mall Art Center (PMAC) such including a green screen, a microphone, and a complete slate set. Since each PMAC room was only available to one actor, actors were unable to remove their masks inside their assigned rooms.

By Adrienne Chacón '22

Copy Editor

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The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic forced the writers to make considerable changes to the set, storyline, and production schedule. The script over the summer, especially the scenes involving the Whimawehs, an all-female a cappella group, have been especially challenging. Now, however, these groups are finding new ways to work around the restrictions. For example, they are now using ZoomOSC, an add-on tool Zoom, which allows actors to explore a film-fo

The previous year, in a time when Zoom was the primary means of communication, the playwrights were able to invite the audience into a world of magic, and the audience could imagine the characters' personalities, their relationships, and the setting. Now, in the current format, there are no visual effects and no collaborative aspect, but the writers have managed to create a compelling and engaging story, even without the usual tools.

The playwrights are not particularly interested in what others think of their work, and they are content with the progress they have made so far. The main focus is on the writing itself, and they are looking forward to the next step in the process, which may be the production of a film or an exhibition.
The unique and diverse group of people is an integral element of why many seniors find the activity so enjoyable, as they get the chance to grow closer to each other and understand different circumstances, said McGrath. We’re definitely still making the most of it, but honestly, playing very entertaining soccer games, doing different drills, and even some fun non-soccer activities. Trying to revitalize their Senior Soccer experience, many members of the team also have a similar mindset as McGrath. Over the past few weeks, the team has grown on fences and competed in scrounged up. Senior soccer team continues to serve as a great outlet for seniors to have fun with their peers while staying active, even if it looks a little different this year.

The senior soccer team sporting this year's team item.

Naomi Fleisch '22

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SPOOKY SPIKEBALL.

INSIDE THE HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT

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